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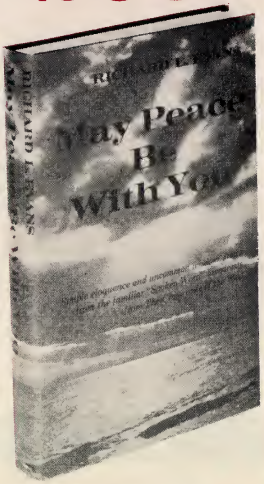
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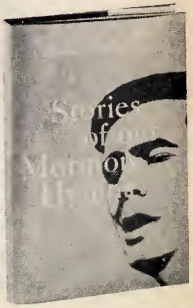


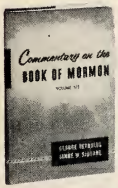
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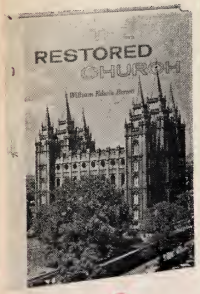
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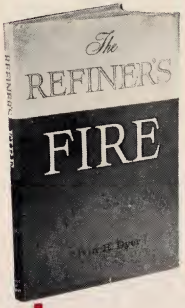
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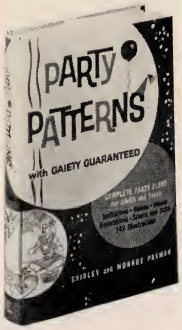
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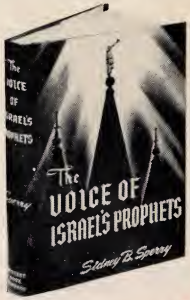


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August 1961

27 North Carolina Stake was organized from parts of the Central Atlantic States Mission by Elder LeGrand Richards of the Council of the Twelve and Elder Franklin D. Richards, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve. Elder Cecil E. Reese was sustained as stake president, with Elders Amos M. Howard and Henry Paul Cogdell as counselors. There is a membership of approximately 2,560 in eight wards and three branches. Wards are Albertson, Goldsboro, Harkens Island, Howards Chapel, Kinston, Mt. Zion, New Bern, and Wilmington. Branches are Greenville, Jacksonville, and Waccamaw River. This is the 332nd stake of the Church now functioning. The gospel was first brought to North Carolina, in 1838, by Elder Jedediah M. Grant, later a counselor to President Brigham Young. He met with great success, and as he was not able to fill his appointments by traveling on foot, interested persons subscribed enough to purchase a horse and saddle and bridle for him.

Elder Rex C. Reeve, first counselor to President LaMont B. Gunderson of the Valley View (Salt Lake area) Stake, succeeded him as stake president. Sustained as his counselors were Elder E. Wilford Edman, who had served as second counselor to President Gunderson, and Elder Allen M. Swan.

September 1961

1 President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., of the First Presidency, a counselor to three Presidents of the Church—Heber J. Grant, George Albert Smith, and David O. McKay—marked the ninetieth anniversary of his birth.

2 It was announced that Elders Darrel J. Monson, Monroe J. Paxman, J. Stanley Russon, R. Paul Thompson, Mark A. Benson, and Morris Hansen had been named to the general board of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association.

3 Beaumont (Texas) Stake was organized from parts of Houston Stake with Elder Alden C. Stout sustained as president and Elders Wade Hayes and John E. Tucker as counselors. Beaumont Stake is comprised of Beaumont, Silsbee, and Williamson wards; Buna, Lake Charles, Orange, Port Arthur, and Woodville branches. The stake was organized under the direction of Elder LeGrand Richards of the Council of the Twelve and Elder Alma Sonne, Assistant to the Twelve. It is the 333rd stake now functioning in the Church. As late as the end of 1930, there were fourteen branches of the mission field functioning in the state of Texas, with a combined membership of 3,837.

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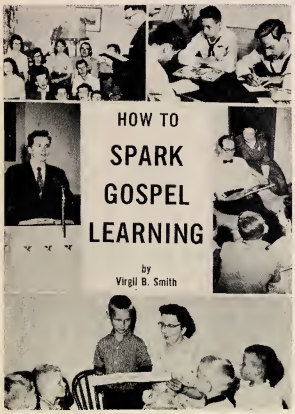
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Elder Gerhardt Drechsel, first counselor to President Grant M. Burbidge of Pioneer (Salt Lake City) Stake succeeded him as stake president. Counselors are Elder Lamont W. Olsen, who served with President Burbidge, and Elder J. Malan Heslop. President Burbidge is now serving as president of the West Spanish-American Mission.

13 Greensboro (North Carolina) Stake was organized from parts of the Central Atlantic States Mission with Elder Eugene A. Gulledge as stake president and Elders Ivan A. Larson and V. Talmadge Hiatt as counselors. This is the second stake of the Church now organized in that southern state. Greensboro, Burlington, Caswell, Mt. Airy, Kannapolis, Charlotte, and Colfax wards; Rockingham, Ashboro, and Lexington branches make up the Greensboro Stake. The stake was organized by Elder LeGrand Richards of the Council of the Twelve (one-time president of the Southern States Mission when that mission covered this area) and Elder Franklin D. Richards, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve. The Church now has 335 stakes.

16 The appointment of Reid N. Nibley, Provo, to membership on the general board of the Deseret Sunday School Union was announced.

17 Elder William Kenneth Matthews, formerly first counselor to President L. Burdette Pugmire of Bear Lake (Idaho) Stake, succeeded him as stake president. President Matthews' counselors are Elders Arlin R. Pugmire and Thomas J. Nelson. Released with President Pugmire was his second, Elder Van Ness D. Wallentine.

20 Cleveland (Ohio) Stake was organized from parts of the Great Lakes Mission with Elder E. Doyle Robison as president and Elders Forest J. Squire and M. Brent Marriott as counselors. The stake membership of approximately 2,400 are to include Cleveland, Cleveland East, Akron, Lorain, Kent-Ravenna, Tri-City, and Canton wards; and Sandusky, Geneva, Alliance, and Wooster branches. This stake was organized under the direction of Elder LeGrand Richards of the Council of the Twelve and Elder Franklin D. Richards, Assistant to the Twelve. Cleveland Stake comprises an area similar to Kirtland Stake, the first stake organized in this dispensation, February 17, 1834, with the Prophet Joseph as the stake president. Cleveland is the 336th stake now functioning in the Church.

27 The Relief Society of the Church began its annual two-day conference in Salt Lake City.

29 The 131st semiannual general conference of the Church convened in the Tabernacle on Temple Square in Salt Lake City. All the General Authorities were present except President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., who was ill; and Presidents Bruce R. McConkie and A. Theodore Tuttle of the First Council of the Seventy who were presiding in missions. Elder George Q. Morris of the Council of the Twelve and President Levi Edgar Young of the First Council of the Seventy were present but did not speak.

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The East Indian Mission

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Last month's column noted that after one hundred years, 1830-1930, the Church was maintaining thirty organized missions. Andrew Jenson, the authority consulted for this information,[1] noted, however, that some twenty-two other missions at least, had been organized during that century, including interesting forays into India, China, Gibraltar, Malta, Siam, the West Indies, and Italy.

A further perusal of this material disclosed information of exceptional interest; for, one of the largest, most highly-populated areas in the world is the Republic of India. Hinduism, the widely practised religious system of that country, is one of the world's largest. Moreover, within the limits set by its organized expressions, it is a tolerant religion. The English language is well understood in that country, although interest in Indian languages and dialects has rapidly increased since independence was granted.

The incident leading to the establishment of the East Indian Mission in 1851 during the administration of Brigham Young, President of the Church, as told by Andrew Jenson, is as follows:

"Thomas Metcalf, a private of the Ninth Regiment of the British Army in India, having by chance obtained a Latter-day Saint tract, wrote to the . . . mission office at Liverpool, England, asking for additional literature of the Church."

The tract which came to Private Metcalf's hands was Orson Pratt's *Divine Authority, or The Question, Was Joseph Smith Sent of God?* This 16-page item had been printed and circulated from 15 Wilton Street, Liverpool, under date of September 30, 1848. It summarized the case for Mormonism by stating:

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[1] *Encyclopedic History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* (1941).



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Metcalf's inquiry to the Liverpool office, induced by Elder Pratt's tract, evidently stimulated interest and activity at that point with respect to the great sub-continent of Asia.

In 1850, Benjamin Richey and George Barber, two sailors from England, visited Calcutta and there attended some meetings of the Plymouth brethren. Richey and Barber were members of the Church at the time, having been baptized in London, December 27, 1849 by Henry Savage. During the Mormon sailors' stay in Calcutta, meeting with the Plymouth brethren, they met James P. Meik "and others who became interested in Mormonism." Mr. Meik corresponded thereafter with Franklin D. Richards at the Liverpool office. The sailors, returning to England on their next voyage, also sent literature to their Calcutta friends.

In 1851, another British seaman, Joseph Richards, sailmaker on the ship *Gloriosa*, was ordained an elder by George B. Wallace and authorized to preach in India. Upon Brother Richards' arrival in Calcutta he sought out the Plymouth brethren. On June 22, 1851, he then baptized James Patrick Meik, Mark Ann Meik, Matthew McCune, and Maurice White. According to Assistant Church Historian Jenson, these were the first baptisms to membership in the LDS Church in Asia. A branch of the Church called the "Wanderers' Branch" was organized at Calcutta, June 29, 1851, and Brothers Meik, McCune, and White were called to preach.

In the meantime, Elder Lorenzo Snow, in the European field, sent William Willis and Hugh Findley to India. Willis arrived December 25, 1851 and visited the Meiks at Acra Farm, December 28, 1851. James Patrick Meik, a builder and architect, later built a Mormon lecture hall near No. 2½ "Juan Bazaar Street," Calcutta. This building measured 17 x 47 feet. By March 24, 1852 the little branch had 32 members, 12 of them Europeans and 20 Indians. Translations of literature into Hindustani were started, but work among the native peoples was not fruitful.

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[2]See Orson Pratt, *Divine Authority* (Liverpool: 1848), p. 16.

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1 teaspoon soda	¾ cup granulated sugar	2 cups chopped dates
1 teaspoon salt	¾ cup brown sugar	1 cup raisins
1½ teaspoons cinnamon	3 eggs	1 cup chopped nuts

Cream shortening until light and fluffy. Sift dry ingredients, except brown sugar, into shortening. Stir in brown sugar. Combine eggs, Morning Milk and lemon juice. Mix well. Add to dry ingredients. Blend. Beat two minutes on medium speed of electric mixer. Fold in dates, raisins and nuts. Pour batter into buttered and floured 12-cup ring mold. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F) about 40 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool on wire rack 30 minutes.

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*Or bake in a 9 x 13 x 2" pan in moderate oven (350° F) about 40 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

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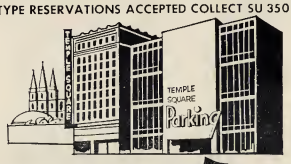
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From Calcutta's beginnings, Nathaniel V. Jones in 1853 extended missionary labor to Madras, Karachi (now in Pakistan), Poona, and Rangoon (now in Burma). In 1858 occurred the great Sepoy Rebellion. Evidently as a result of these disturbances, the missionaries withdrew that year. The Meik family came to Utah in 1869. A son of James Patrick Meik, named Lorenzo Snow Meik, eventually returned to England and became inactive. His son Vivian Meik, the British journalist, was baptized by Elder Alma Sonne, Assistant to the Twelve, during

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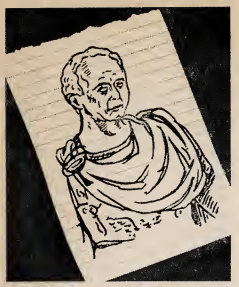
Elder Sonne's tenure as president of the European Mission at the end of World War II. Vivian Meik, diplomatic correspondent of a number of prominent British papers, then came to Salt Lake City about 1947 and for a while became a prominent writer for *The Deseret News*. He died a few years later.

The McCune family also came to Utah about the same time as J. P. Meik, and became famous and prosperous, building the famous McCune Mansion at 200 North Main Street, Salt Lake City.

The Calcutta branch seems to have dwindled with the departure of the Meiks and Captain McCune. However, as late as October, 1870, a James Mill and others reported themselves "faithful" in a Madras branch of some fourteen members. "Six," he reported, "had died"; four were in "poor standing"; two "indifferent"; and the remainder "active."

From Brother Jenson's record, we gather that there were four branches

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Crude sketch that Arnold Friberg made when he was just a schoolboy.

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in India that developed following Metcalf's letter: Calcutta, Madras, Rangoon, and Karachi. In 1884, William Willis, Henry F. McCune, Milson R. Pratt, and George H. Booth arrived in Calcutta, August 1, on another mission. There appear to have been a few baptisms. Willis, Pratt, and McCune also went to Rangoon but found the work unprofitable. They returned to Calcutta, June 10, 1885, bound for New Zealand. G. H. Booth, evidently, remained until 1888, practically ending the missionary enterprise in India in the 19th century. A Karachi branch, consisting of a Robert Marshall and family, survived until 1903.

Persons who have served in the British Mission will remember several members, like sailors Richey, Barber, and others of 1851, who served with British forces, civil or military, in India. And in Ceylon, the wife and family of Mr. James Bleakley, headmaster of the principal school in that country, were distinguished and devoted members of the Church. Mr. Bleakley died at sea in 1959, after his retirement, while returning to England from an American visit with his wife. Also, many members of the armed services during World War II saw active duty in India. Since 1945, there have been an increasing number of educational and business exchanges between prominent Utah and Indian leaders and families. So runs the past story of the "East Indian Mission." And the story, as told, is not complete. One wonders what happened to Thomas Metcalf, private, British Ninth Regiment. Was his letter answered? How many Metcalf letters are being received today? What does the future hold?

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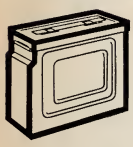
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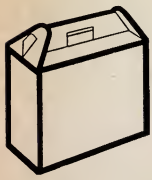
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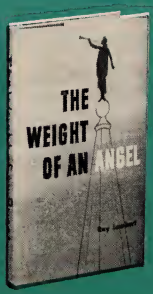
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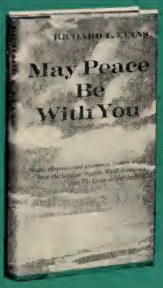




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Letters and Reports

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Photographed outside the Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna, Austria, are these two fine young Latter-day Saints. Both Brother Roland Wolf and Sister Christl Schweda are wearing the costumes which are typical of Austria and Germany. Brother Wolf is in *lederhosen* (leather trousers) and Sister Schweda is in a *dirndl* (dress).

MIA CONFERENCE IN SWEDEN



Swedish Saints joined hands in a midsummer dance around the Maypole during an MIA conference held recently. Some 250 people attended the conference and came from all over Sweden. Some of them traveled from 400 to 600 miles to join in the three-day conference. According to a report from the Swedish Mission, this was the most successful MIA conference in the history of the mission.

A TEEN GIVES THANKS

Gallup, N. M.

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At this time may I congratulate you dear brothers and sisters on the fine work which you are now engaged in. Your selection of material is excellent. I am 19 years old, and to me, your *Era of Youth* is tremendous! I have just received my August issue, and have spent two hours busily engrossed in its pages. In those two hours I have received a spiritual uplift that will carry me through my depressing moments of doubt and bewilderment, and suddenly I too have hope that I can be something worthwhile to myself and humanity. I especially enjoyed Brother Hugh B. Brown's poem "I Would Be Worthy" and The Editor's Page, "True Beauty." I never realized just how much it means to be a part of womanhood's great mission. I never have appreciated the true worth and dignity of my being, if I so choose to make it so. Thank you for lifting my soul to such heights. I feel I can go on now with my head high. Also, in the short time since the edition has arrived in my home, my mother and father and two brothers have read its pages, too!

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Thelma Lee Reeder

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California

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Thank you,

Mary B. Johnson

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Apple Valley, California

Dear Editors:

After almost a year of receiving The Improvement Era I can say that the editors have every right to be proud of their magazine. With this issue and the talks by the General Authorities you have ended my reception of this magazine overseas in the service of the army. There was nothing I looked forward to more than receiving it at mail call. May the Lord bless you all for this fine effort.

Sincerely yours,

C. Clifford Adams



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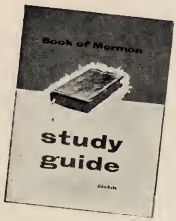
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Changes Made At Fall Conference

New assignments were made, and new callings given as the General Authorities and general officers of the Church were sustained at the Saturday morning session September 30, of the semiannual general conference of the Church.

Elder Gordon B. Hinckley was sustained as a member of the Council of the Twelve, filling the vacancy occasioned by the call last June 22nd of Elder Hugh B. Brown as a counselor in the First Presidency. Elder Hinckley, who has served as an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve since April 1958, has long been associated with the missionary program of the Church, as executive secretary of that important committee.

Elder Thorpe B. Isaacson, a counselor in the Presiding Bishopric since 1947, was sustained as an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve. Elder Isaacson had served as a counselor to both Bishops LeGrand Richards and Joseph L. Wirthlin. He is an educator and an insurance executive by profession. At the time of his call as second counselor in the Presiding Bishopric, he was first counselor in the Yale (Salt Lake City) Ward Bishopric.

Elder Boyd K. Packer was also sustained as an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve. He has served as a seminary instructor, as LDS co-ordinator of Indian affairs at the Intermountain School, Brigham City. He has served as assistant to William E. Berrett, vice administrator of the Unified Church School System.

Elder John H. Vandenberg was sustained as Presiding Bishop. He succeeds Bishop Joseph L. Wirthlin in this important calling. (Brother Wirthlin is now secretary-treasurer of the Deseret Title Holding Corporation, a new financial organization within the Church.) Bishop Vandenberg is vice chairman of the Church Building Committee, and filled a mission to the Netherlands from 1925 to 1928. He has been a member of the Denver (Colorado) Stake presidency, and is currently serving as a counselor in the Ensign (Salt Lake City) Stake presidency.

Elder Robert L. Simpson was sustained as first counselor in the Presiding Bishopric. He has recently returned to his southern California home from presiding over the New Zealand Mission. Prior to his mission call he was a member of the Inglewood (California) Stake high council.

Elder Victor L. Brown was sustained as second counselor in the Presiding Bishopric. He is a native of Cardston, Alberta, Canada, but at the time of this call, a resident of Chicago. He attended high school, business college, and university in Salt Lake City. He is a former bishop of the Denver Fourth Ward, and counselor in the Denver Stake presidency.

Released as the Presiding Bishopric was Bishop Joseph L. Wirthlin and his counselors, Elders Thorpe B. Isaacson and Carl W. Buehner.

Mrs. Florence S. Jacobsen was sustained as the general president of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association, succeeding Mrs. Bertha S. Reeder. Mrs. Jacobsen is the wife of Theodore C. Jacobsen, former president of the Eastern States Mission where she served with him. Since returning from that mission assignment Mrs. Jacobsen has been a member of the YWMIA general board.

Sustained as first counselor to Mrs. Jacobsen was Mrs. Margaret R. Jackson. She is the wife of Junius M. Jackson, and together they filled a mission in New England, where he presided. Mrs. Jackson interrupted her service on the YWMIA general board to fill that mission, and has returned to the general board after completing that assignment.

Mrs. Dorothy P. Holt was sustained as second counselor to Mrs. Jacobsen. She is the wife of A. Palmer Holt. At the time of this appointment Mrs. Holt was teaching Mutual in the Ensign Fourth Ward, Ensign (Salt Lake City) Stake.

Released with Sister Bertha S. Reeder of the Young Women's Mutual were her counselors, Sisters Emily H. Bennett and LaRue C. Longden, and all members of the general board of that organization.

The Improvement Era, its staff and readers, join the Church in welcoming these brethren and sisters to their new assignments, and wishing success and godspeed to those who have been released.



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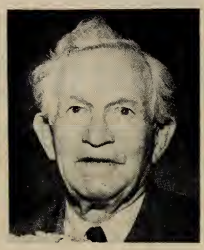
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The reality of Jesus the Christ must be sensed by you and by me, and the reality of his message must be mine and yours if we hope to advance spiritually and rise above the earth and the things which are akin to it. A mere belief in Jesus as a great teacher or even as the greatest man that ever lived has proved inadequate in combating the ills of the world.



The Reality of

Manifestly the need of the world, and particularly in these times as crisis follows crisis, is more than a mere acceptance of the Man of Galilee as the greatest of all men. What is really essential is *faith in him as a Divine Being—as our Lord and Savior.* It is such faith as the Apostle Peter experienced when he declared: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matt. 16:16.) It is such faith as called forth Paul's testimony as he stood a prisoner before Agrippa and bore witness that Christ had appeared to him and said: "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. . . ." (Acts 9:5.) It is the faith that enabled the doubting Thomas to say: "My Lord and my God." (John 20:28.)

With all my soul I believe with Peter, that impetuous apostle, that "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12.) In that day Christ was real to Peter; and he is just as real today.

The whole philosophy of the progress of man is associated with his divine coming. He is the Son of God, who took upon himself mortality even as you and I, yet divine, even as you and I may become. In the march of this spiritual progress there are certain necessary and definite steps, if we can only sense them.

The *first step* in spiritual strength is *a consciousness of freedom.* This is the principle which began when Christ accepted the appointment of his earthly mission. It is free agency and is fundamental to individual freedom. In the beginning the Lord asked for someone to go down on earth to redeem mankind. One responded saying: "Send me, and I shall make all men do as I say, but I want the glory!" Another replied: "Here I am, send me, and you may have the glory." He would give to each one the right of free agency. There is the beginning of soul progress. God desires to make men like himself, but to do so he must first make them free. Yes, it is the sense of freedom. You may do as you please; accept or reject the highest and best in life; agree or disagree with the selfishness, enmity, and antagonism of the world. Animal instincts permit you to crush your neighbor that you yourself might gain advantage. Accept it, if you wish, or choose the higher road.

The *second* is a *sense of self-mastery.* Before Jesus began his ministry, he proved himself capable of withstanding the tempter. He was tempted yet never once did he yield, and finally declared: ". . . be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33.)

Do not yield to the appetites of the flesh in an effort merely to gain pleasure and happiness. If you do, you will find that the happiness you seek is a withered flower that crumbles in your grasp. You go and go until you cannot satisfy false appetites without destroying yourself physically.

The *third* step is a *sense of obligation.* As an aid

Jesus the Christ

in developing this spiritual virtue, Jesus Christ, as always, is the supreme example. Truly he gave his life for others. "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." (Matt. 8:20.) Thus sacrificing his own comforts and even his own needs, he admonished all to "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you. . . ." (*Ibid.*, 5:44.) "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me." (*Ibid.*, 25:40.) "If you have aught against a brother, go to him"—(See *ibid.*, 5:23-24.) a sublime principle, which if accepted and applied, would solve difficulties in communities, cities, and nations. But the Savior did not stop in admonishing the one who has ill will; he went further. Note this: ". . . if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." (*Ibid.*, 5:23-24.)

When men and nations accept and apply this principle, war will cease.

Service to fellow men makes easier the taking of the *fourth* step—*consecration to Christ and the right.*

When Jesus met the supreme crisis in the Garden of Gethsemane, he said: "Father, . . . not my will, but thine, be done." (Luke 22:42.) This is an example of entire submission of self to the will of God. Weeks before this he announced the same principle in the paradoxical saying: "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." (Matt. 10:39.) The verity of this principle in spiritual growth may be proved by everyday experience. If you will consecrate, that is, "lose yourself" in the study at hand, you will obtain the truth. In other words you will "find yourself." It is true that if a musician sits at the piano and plays one of the inspiring Beethoven works, if he becomes wholly unconscious of self, he will win his way into the hearts of the listeners, but if he fails to lose himself, and thinks only of his position, and wonders whether he is pleasing his audience, he will certainly fail to the degree that he has tried to build himself up.

Man's highest spiritual achievement is to speak and act for the good of his fellow man to the glory of God, and thus make of life a consecrated possession.

Christ is real; he lives! "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." (Job 19:25-26.)

It is such faith as must have sustained the eleven apostles and at least seventy disciples who met Christ after the resurrection. In their minds there was absolutely no doubt of his personality. They were witnesses of the fact. They knew because their eyes beheld, their ears heard, their hands felt the corporeal presence of the Risen Redeemer. It is that unwavering faith which brought forth this glorious vision given jointly to the Prophet Joseph Smith and to Sidney Rigdon:

"And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives!

"For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—

"That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God." (D&C 76:22-24.)

The mortal life of Jesus the Christ was real. He was born of God: the Babe of Bethlehem, the one perfect Gentleman who ever lived—the Ideal Man whose character was supreme; our Brother, our Savior, the "Anointed One." God help us to make him real in our lives!

Those who have such assurance in their hearts accept him as "The Way, the Truth, and the Life," as the one safe guide in this perplexing universe.

Compliance with the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ brings peace and happiness. Christ offers just these to this war-worn world.

That the reality of the Christ and the applicability of his teachings in this day to the happiness and progress of man may be more fully realized than ever before, should be our prayer at all times.

Your Question

ANSWERED BY JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE

The Debt We Owe

One of the most enlightening discourses ever delivered in regard to the atonement is found in the ninth chapter of 2 Nephi in the Book of Mormon. It is the counsel given by Jacob, brother of Nephi. It should be carefully read by every person seeking salvation. We have been taught that the greatest gift of God is eternal life, and eternal life comes through obedience to all of the commandments and covenants given to man by our Heavenly Father. There is an overwhelming lack of understanding in the world in relation to these principles of salvation and exaltation given to prepare mankind for a place in the kingdom of God, and this lack causes many to stumble. There is no excuse on the part of members of the Church for they have received the necessary revelation directly from the heavens in this Dispensation of the Fulness of Times. The great mission of the Son of God has been revealed in the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants more clearly than any other place. Many passages that have been misunderstood, and therefore mistranslated in the Bible, are clarified in these sacred volumes.

The greatest debt we owe is to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, for the great blessings of immortality and eternal life. Immortality is the gift vouchsafed to every soul, for the edict has gone forth from the throne of God that the resurrection must be just as broad as the fall. Adam was the person who brought death into the world, and no member of his family is held accountable for death and therefore will receive the resurrection. It is through the love and mercy of the Son of God for humanity that this redemption comes. His extreme suffering and cruel death upon the cross brought to pass the atonement for Adam's transgression and redeems every creature who partook of the fall from the grave, including his bitter enemies who cried out against him—"Let him be crucified!" Yes, they also are beneficiaries of the atonement and shall receive the resurrection although they will likewise suffer for their dreadful sin.

Let us reflect on some of the great truths portrayed in Jacob's message which was written, not only for his own people but for the benefit of the entire world.

"For as death hath passed upon all men, to fulfil the merciful plan of the great Creator, there must needs be a power of resurrection, and the resurrection must needs come unto man by reason of the fall; and the fall came by reason of transgression; and because man became fallen they were cut off from the presence of the Lord.

"Wherefore, it must needs be an infinite atonement—save it should be an infinite atonement this corruption could not put on incorruption. Wherefore, the first judgment which came upon man must needs have remained to an endless duration. And if so, this flesh must have lain down to rot and to crumble to its mother earth, to rise no more." (2 Nephi 9:6-7.)

Before continuing with this discourse, let us pause and consider the expression that death comes to fulfil the "merciful plan of the great Creator." Many mortals do not believe that death is a merciful plan. It is the prevalent belief that Adam committed a dreadful sin in partaking of the forbidden fruit. Commentators have written that this act was "man's shameful fall," as though through partaking of the fruit Adam and Eve brought into the world a condition of misery and death that could have been avoided; and Adam and his posterity could have lived in peace, love, and contentment, free from death had not they transgressed. Mother Eve had revealed to her the true purpose for the fall wherein she said:

". . . Were it not for our transgression we never should have had seed, and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient." (Moses 5:11.)

The fall therefore was a necessary part of the plan of salvation, and Jacob speaks of it as a "merciful plan of the Creator." Surely no one wishes to remain in mortality when he becomes old and helpless. Death comes to all as a merciful, and not a fearful thing, especially to the person who dies with the assurance of a righteous resurrection. Lehi, father of Jacob, informs us that "Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy." (2 Nephi 2:25.)

The fall of Adam and Eve gave the human race the privilege of mortal existence which otherwise they would not have received. Thus all the experiences

gained in mortality would have been lost to us if this divine plan had not been adopted. We must not think that the death of the body is the end of man and that when we die the body returns to the earth to rise no more. Jacob has pointed out clearly what the consequences would have been if the physical death were the end of the mortal body, and how the Father had prepared the way for man's redemption, through the atonement of Jesus Christ. This redemption was the plan adopted before the foundation of the earth.

"O the wisdom of God, his mercy and grace! For behold, if the flesh should rise no more our spirits must become subject to that angel who fell from before the presence of the Eternal God, and became the devil, to rise no more.

"And our spirits must have become like unto him, and we become devils, angels to a devil, to be shut out from the presence of our God, to remain with the father of lies, in misery, like unto himself; yea, to that being who beguiled our first parents, who transformeth himself nigh unto an angel of light, and stirreth up the children of men unto secret combinations of murder and all manner of secret works of darkness.

"O how great the goodness of our God, who prepareth a way for our escape from the grasp of this awful monster; yea, that monster, death and hell, which I call the death of the body, and also the death of the spirit.

"And because of the way of deliverance of our God, the Holy One of Israel, this death, of which I have spoken, which is the temporal, shall deliver up its dead; which death is the grave.

"And this death of which I have spoken, which is the spiritual death, shall deliver up its dead; which spiritual death is hell; wherefore, death and hell must deliver up their dead, and hell must deliver up its captive spirits, and the grave must deliver up its captive bodies, and the bodies and the spirits of men will be restored one to the other; and it is by the power of the resurrection of the Holy One of Israel. (*Ibid.*, 9:8-12.)

What could be more dreadful than such a fate as that the body should be eternally destroyed, and the spirit be left as it was before the mortal life? What could have been gained? Yet there are many who have departed from the teachings of the Savior who deny the resurrection. The main purpose for our mortal existence is that we might obtain tabernacles of flesh and bones for our spirits that we might advance after the resurrection to the fulness of the blessings which the Lord has promised to those who are faithful. They have been promised that they shall become sons and daughters of God, joint heirs with Jesus Christ, and if they have been true to the commandments and covenants the Lord has given us, to be kings and priests and queens and priestesses, possessing the fulness of the blessings of the celestial kingdom. This great promise was made to the spirits of men before the foundation of the earth was laid. The Lord has renewed this promise to us if we will patiently endure the ills of the flesh as well as receive the blessings and go through the trials and tribulations faithfully to the end.

Our Redeemer so loved the world that he volunteered to come and suffer by the shedding of his blood and thus pay the debt of the fall and make it possible for every soul to gain a place in his celestial kingdom. No one can fully realize the price that Jesus paid to make our salvation and exaltation possible. He has described it in the following words:

"For behold, I, God, have suffered these things for all, that they might not suffer if they would repent;

"But if they would not repent they must suffer even as I;

"Which suffering caused myself, even God, the greatest of all, to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and to suffer both body and spirit—and would that I might not drink the bitter cup, and shrink—

"Nevertheless, glory be to the Father, and I partook and finished my preparations unto the children of men." (D&C 19:16-19.)

Is it possible to think of any fate that would be as terrible as to be denied the resurrection, our spirits becoming subject to Satan forever? How grateful to our Redeemer every soul should be to think that Jesus so loved the world that he was willing to suffer and redeem every soul from death and give us the resurrection of the dead. Surely every member of the Church of Jesus Christ should be willing to show gratitude by obedience to the Savior's commandments. No mortal can fully realize the price that he paid. No mortal could have stood the anguish and suffering of such a sacrifice. It was a sacrifice that a God had to endure. It is an insignificant price we are asked to pay, and we should be willing to pay it in the spirit of thanksgiving, love, and obedience to every divine command. As he loves us, so we should love him, showing our deep gratitude in obedience and in humble prayer.

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HAVE NOT SEEN, YET HAVE BELIEVED.



President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., a member of the First Presidency of the Church since 1933, passed away October 6 as this issue of the Era was being made ready to go to press. This stimulating article by President Clark had already been planned for inclusion.

Fortunately the Era in the September issue paid tribute to this beloved leader just prior to his passing, by a full color portrait on the cover and an inspiring account of his life and works written by Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve, the re-reading of which article we commend to all.

Along with members of the Church throughout the world we mourn his passing but know that he will live forever in the hearts of Latter-day Saints because of long years of devoted service he rendered toward building the kingdom, and the innumerable stimulating addresses and articles such as this one which he has left for us.



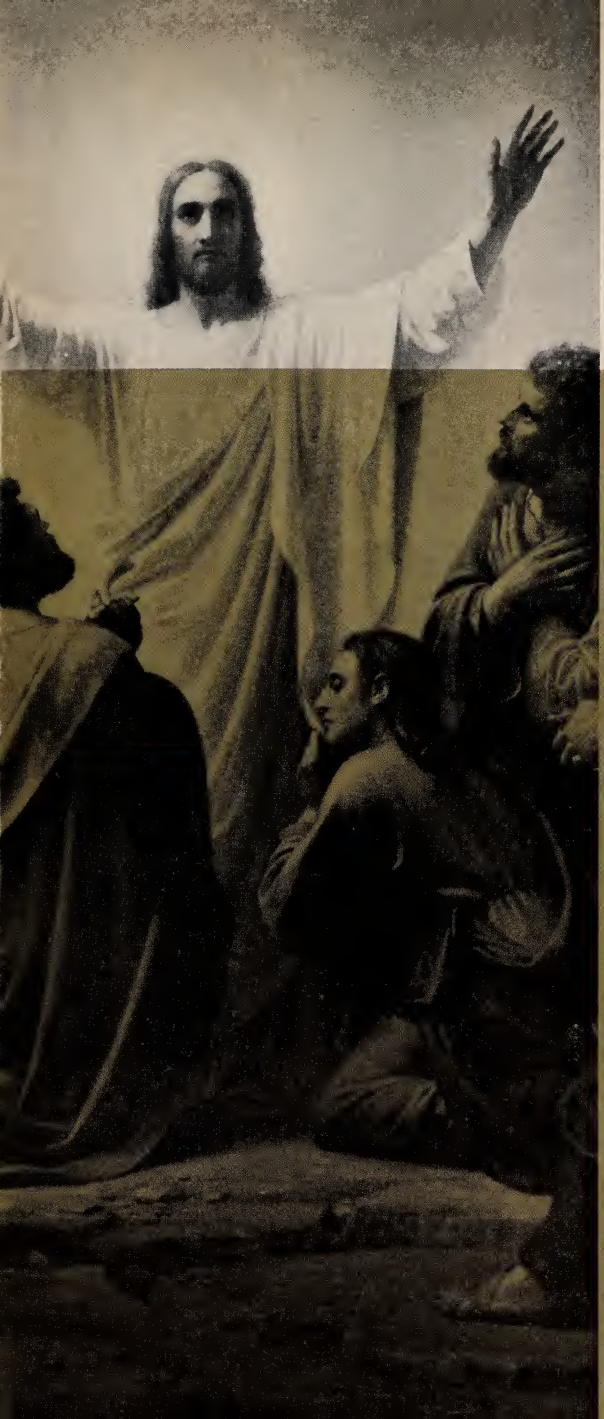
BY PRESIDENT J. REUBEN CLARK, JR.

Much crowds upon our minds as we contemplate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Brother Antoine Ivins told me that he recently purchased a book, a new life of Christ, which apparently opens with the question which the author says confronts Christianity: Was Jesus resurrected, and was he the Son of God? For nearly 2,000 years that has been the question. Both have been answered in the negative by pagans and others from the very first. Jesus had hardly risen until both were answered "No" by the populace. And from then till now the world has been divided into two great groups, those who believed and those who did not.

In the last years—half or three-quarters of a century—even among the Christians, so-called, these two questions have presented themselves, and it does seem as if day by day more and more lack the testimony that gives to us the answer, "Yes."

*From an Easter address delivered by President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., Sunday, April 1, 1956, in the North 18th Ward Chapel, Ensign Stake.



"Christ Blessing the Disciples" by Anton Dorph.

If I were to speak as if today were nearly 2,000 years ago, I would tell you that before daybreak this morning, while it was still dark, a priest climbed to the topmost part of the great walls that enclosed the temple precincts and stood there looking southward. He stood 450 feet above the valley floor. The priests below would call out, "Is it yet light?" and the second question would be, "Is it light as far as Hebron?" the early capital of David before he took Jerusalem from the Jebusites. And when the answer came back "Yes," that was the signal for the beginning of the morning sacrifice in the temple.

Some believe that it was from this pinnacle that Satan, tempting, sought to have Jesus cast himself down since it was written that God would give his angels charge concerning his Son, and in their hands they should bear him up, lest any time the Son should dash his foot against a stone, and Jesus replied, saying, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." (Matt. 4:6-7.)

At that same hour a solitary woman, half running, half walking, went out from the narrow streets of Jerusalem across the valley to Golgotha, where last Friday they had laid away in the tomb our Lord and Savior. She went to the tomb wondering and found it empty. She returned as fast as she could to Peter and John, whom she had just left and told them the tomb was empty.

To this point of time and for some time after, none of the apostles seemingly had understood what we understand now so clearly, that Jesus was to die and be resurrected the Christ.

Peter and John, John outrunning Peter, for he was younger, went to the tomb. John hesitated and did not go in, but Peter did. He saw lying there on the floor in the tomb the burial clothes. The napkin was carefully folded and placed at one side. John then found courage and went in; and John believed. Peter seems not yet to have been convinced. They returned.

And then it would appear that Mary, coming alone, I suppose, as fast as she could, came to the tomb the second time. She stood weeping. She saw two angels sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body had lain. They asked why she wept. She answered that they had taken away her Lord, and she knew not where they had laid him.

She saw outside a personage whom she addressed, thinking it was the gardener. He asked why she wept. She asked the personage where the body was. He spoke, calling her by name, "Mary." Then, as seems to have been the case all during the day, something happened, and she recognized the Master and would have rushed and embraced him, but the Savior said to her, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: . . . and your Father; and to my God, and your God." (John 20:17.)

Shortly after this (I may say that the account cannot be strictly and chronologically arranged), but shortly after this, the two Marys came with other women, bringing with them a hundred pounds of sweet spices to be used for the preparation of the body for final burial. They did not understand either. As they came, they wondered who would roll the stone away from the mouth of the tomb. But the Lord had taken care of that.

Before Mary came, there had been a great earthquake, and an angel had come and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning and his raiment white as snow. The guards placed at the tomb to make sure the body was not stolen by the disciples had shaken with fear and become as dead men.

The women looked in and saw two angels were there. And the angel said to them: "Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth. He is not here. He is risen." (See Mark 16:6.)

From then till now, the words of that angel stand a witness to us of the actuality of the resurrection.

Contrary to the reception which Jesus gave to Mary, and I offer no explanation for the difference (I have heard explanations), Jesus permitted the women not only to come near to him but to embrace his feet. He charged the women to go and tell the disciples, which they did. And the disciples believed not, thinking these reports were but the idle words of women.



Two children walk hand in hand to school on a June morning along a typical street in the Holy City.



Looking through the Garden of Gethsemane across the Kidron Valley toward Jerusalem.

So the day began. During that day two of the disciples were on their way to Emmaus, and as they went along, Jesus joined them. They were evidently in deep and earnest conversation, for the Savior asked them what they were talking about. They asked him had he not heard the news. They proceeded to tell him about the resurrection. As they walked on

conversing, they came to the village. They went in to eat, Jesus apparently explaining to them all the while the sayings of Moses that applied to him. Still they did not recognize him. Finally he took bread and broke it, and then in a flash it came to them who he was. And he passed from their sight.

During the same day, he appeared to Peter, the circumstances connected with which we have not been told. And then when the evening came and the disciples, the apostles, were gathered together in a room, the doors and windows being shut, Jesus the Christ appeared among them. They were frightened; they thought it was a spirit. He told them he was not a spirit, that it was he. He displayed his hands and his feet and the spear thrust in his side; he said to them, "a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." (Luke 24:39.) Thomas was not there. Apparently the apostles did not fully believe. There was hesitation.

Sometime, it appears, during the day (we have no detailed record of the event, merely chronicled by Paul), the Savior appeared to James. There is no record of his appearing, that I have seen, to John. These seem to have been the total appearances on the day of the resurrection.

But how well authenticated it is, and unless we are to declare that the sacred records are false, they answer in the affirmative the question of the pagans of those days and of these days, and of some of the Christians, so-called, of today, that Jesus was resurrected and that he was the Son of God.

A week later—I have said Thomas was not present at the first meeting—Thomas was now gathered with the apostles. There were eleven of them. Judas had committed suicide in the meanwhile. The Savior again appeared among them though the windows and doors were closed. The Lord asked Thomas to come and feel his body, the marks of the nails in his hands and in his feet, the spear thrust in his side, and I am sure, the marks of the crown of thorns on his forehead. Thomas believed, and the Savior told him, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." Thomas answered: "My Lord and my God.' (John 20:28-29.)

And that is the situation in which the great bulk of us now live and have lived since that time. We have believed, not seeing with our mortal eyes, but enjoying all of the blessings which are incident to such a sight.

Thereafter, having seen even these things, Peter and John and James, Thomas and Nathaniel went fishing on the Sea of Galilee. The apostles seem to have had no real vision of what their mission was to be. They fished all night and caught nothing. As they drew near the shore in the early light of the next morning, they saw standing on the shore of the lake, a figure who called to them and said, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship and ye shall find." (*Ibid.*, 21:6.) They cast their net; it was immediately filled with fishes.

Then John, apparently remembering the same miracle which had happened when he and James had been called to follow Jesus, said to Peter, "It is the Lord," (*Ibid.*, 21:7) and Peter, gathering his coat about him for he was naked—I think there was a great lesson there that Christ should not be approached except by those properly clothed—wrapped his coat about him, jumped into the water and waded ashore. When they had all come ashore, they found that the Savior had there some fish and bread laid on coals. He had eaten with them the second Sunday when Thomas was there. Apparently he ate now. And I have thought there was a lesson in this, that the resurrected beings may also eat our food, if, when, and as they wish.

It was on that occasion that the great colloquy occurred between Jesus and Peter, when thrice the Lord said to Peter, "Lovest thou me more than these?" (*Ibid.*, 21:15ff.) I suppose he meant the fish, and I can see that the point of it was that Peter and the others had more or less given up the work for the Savior and gone fishing. Peter thrice answered, "Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee.". Thrice the Savior answered, "Feed my sheep."

Thereafter the Savior appeared to all of the disciples gathered together on a mountain, and the record says this was the third time that he met all of the apostles.

Still later—he remained on the earth, it is said, for some forty days, according to tradition—later he met some 500 souls up near the Sea of Galilee, and lastly Paul said that he saw him, "As of one born out of due time." (1 Cor. 15:8.) I do not know what that meant.

Meanwhile he had come to the Western Continent and had spent three great, glorious days here, teaching the people, showing to them of this continent his hands and his feet and the spear thrust in his side.

You can find few facts in history better authenticated than that Jesus was resurrected and was the Son of God. The testimony of untold millions since that time bears witness to these facts.

I want to read to you from the Book of Mormon a few words of the Savior, spoken here when he first came, before the time to which I have just called attention, because it tells in a few words the condition in which the

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VISITING THE HOLY LAND

BY DOYLE L. GREEN, MANAGING EDITOR



The top of a column found among the ruins of the synagogue at Capernaum, where Jesus may have taught.

■ Even in this day of 600 mile-an-hour jet travel, two things seem never to cease to amaze even the most seasoned traveler: (1) how far one can go, and (2) how much he can see in a few brief days.

Not many years ago a trip to the Holy Land from distant climes would have consumed several months' time. It is a little hard to realize that today on a two weeks' vacation, if a person is willing to by-pass the countries in between, he can travel by air to the Holy Land, visit many places of interest, and be back at his work almost before he realizes he has gone.

From the east coast of Canada or the United States it is a mere six hour flight to Europe. Another five hours' flying time will see one in Lebanon or Egypt. From either of these points, it is only another two hours at the most to Jerusalem. Even with layovers, in less time than it must have taken the Savior to travel from Nazareth to the Holy City, one today can reach Jerusalem from almost any major city in the world.

How much time does a person need to "see" the Holy Land? For the usual traveler, a week may be all that is required.

It seems surprising that a country so important in the history of the world could be so small. The boundaries of this land have changed through the years, but generally speaking, the country we know as the Holy Land has consisted of some 10,000 square miles, an area which would fit into the state of Utah about 8½ times. Even though two of the twelve tribes of Israel remained on the east side of the Jordan River and at times this "Trans-Jordan" area has been included in Palestine, during much of its history the country has extended from the Mediterranean Sea only to the Jordan River, and from just above the ancient city of Dan on the north to the city of Beersheba on the south, a distance of some 150 miles as the crow flies. Between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea, Palestine is fifty to seventy miles wide. It tapers off at the northern end until it is about thirty miles wide between the Mediterranean and the Sea of Galilee.

But if today's traveler is to visit the places of interest connected with the life of the Savior, he must plan his itinerary with care. Thirteen years ago Palestine was divided (see accompanying map) between Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and today the border cannot be crossed indiscriminately. In fact, except two occasions during the year—Christmas and Easter—when the government of Jordan opens the Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem as a special favor to pilgrims from across the border, there is virtually no traffic from



Leading a donkey carrying supplies, a shepherd moves his flock in the hills of the Holy Land.

Israel into Jordan. Nor will the Jordanian government generally issue a visa to a person to enter the country from any point if he has recently visited Israel (as shown by an Israeli visa).

Thousands of tourists each year, attracted into Israel by the colorful travel folders and other publicity, are disappointed in not being able to cross the border and visit such places as the walled city of Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, Jericho, the lower Jordan River Valley, and Samaria.

The cardinal rule to follow in planning a trip to the Holy Land today is to visit Jordan first. Visas to Jordan (but not to Israel) are best obtained before leaving home. It is generally possible for a traveler to get permission through his home country consulate in Jerusalem to cross into Israel. A twenty-four hour period usually is required for the proper clearance to be made.

What is the best time of year to visit Palestine? The answer to this question will depend a good deal on personal preference. If one is interested in taking photographs, the late winter or early spring months are said to be the best because there is less haze.

The geography and topography of Palestine, fascinating to study, have an interesting effect on the climate of the country. Climatic



conditions vary greatly in different parts of the land, but generally the area is dry and hot. A range of mountains, or "hills," extends the entire length of Palestine. These are the highest in the north and in the south where some "peaks" reach more than 3,000 feet above sea level. High on the summit of these bleak hills in the southern province of Judea, is the Holy City of Jerusalem. It is almost 2,500 feet above sea level and 3,800 feet above the level of the Dead Sea which is about fifteen miles to the east. Bethlehem, six miles south of the Holy City, is also in the tops of the Judean hills.

The weather in the hill country can get cold from December to February, with rain and sleet, and on rare occasions even snow, although snow seldom stays on the ground more than an hour or two. The summers are generally pleasant with hot days and tolerably cool nights. The Judean hills, being very rugged, have in days past furnished natural strongholds and fortifications for cities. These give way now and then to narrow valleys where vegetables and grain are grown. Olive groves and



Above. The Jordan River meanders some 120 miles between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea.

Left. Against a backdrop of cypress trees, camels move through the Holy Land with their heavy loads.

vineyards and even grains and other crops adorn some of the steep hillsides. Further north in the provinces known as Samaria and Galilee in the time of the Savior, the country is generally less rugged and more pleasant and inviting with more streams, greener hills, fruitful acres, and wider valleys.

The Sea of Galilee is some 680 feet below sea level, and the Dead Sea, sixty-five miles to the south and the lowest place on the earth's surface, is about 1,286 feet below sea level. This means, of course, that the entire Jordan River Valley between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea is below tide level. In this valley the climate is very hot most of the year with the thermometer often reaching 120 degrees F. in the shade.



Plowing his small field, this Egyptian employs methods used for centuries throughout the Middle East.



A typical Jerusalem street scene taken inside the Damascus Gate.

West of the mountains are the plains which fall off rapidly toward the Mediterranean Sea. The climate along the Mediterranean is comparable to that of Florida and other similar areas, semitropical and delightful most of the year.

There are a number of excellent and reasonable hotels in old Jerusalem and other cities in Jordan, as well as throughout Israel. The food and water are usually good, and if one is careful he should not be too concerned about dysentery or diarrhea, although it is wise for any westerner traveling in these areas to carry with him suitable medication for these ailments.

Arrangments can be made through hotels or travel services for automobiles with drivers and guides. Drive-it-yourself cars are not available in Jordan but can be had in Israel.

Some travelers are disappointed with their visit to the Holy Land, perhaps because they do not go prepared for what they see and experience. A trip, if it is to be really worthwhile, should be preceded by extensive reading and studying about the country, both as to the past and present.

One should remember that nearly two thousand years have passed since the time of the Savior. He should be aware that many of the places connected with Jesus' life are not known with any degree of certainty. (See article ". . . There Laid They Jesus" on page 846.)

New cities are often built upon the ruins of old ones in the Near East. Jerusalem, destroyed in 67 A. D., has been rebuilt—destroyed and rebuilt several times since. Although the present city is on the same site as the former ones, it is somewhat higher. The Pool of Bethesda, for example, where the Savior healed the invalid on the Sabbath, is about twenty-five feet below the present surface of the surrounding area. Even the wall of the city is "new," although parts of it are built upon the foundations or the top of the old wall.

Consequently in walking the streets of Jerusalem and some other cities, a visitor should be aware that he may not be walking the streets that Jesus walked. When he visits the "home" of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in Bethany, or the carpenter shop in Nazareth, or the "upper room" in Jerusalem, it is well to remember that there is only a remote chance that these were the actual buildings that the Savior saw. These sites and many others have been established by tradition, but an honest visitor will raise many questions as to their authenticity.

Today's tourists are not the first to be confused, however. Early Crusaders, seeing the beautiful Moslem mosque, "The Dome of the Rock," in the southeast corner of the city, supposed it to be the

Beersheba today. This town is frequently referred to in the Bible as the southernmost limit of Palestine.



temple Jesus knew. Plans for it were carried back to their home countries, and many Christian churches were built throughout Europe after its likeness. Herod's Temple, of course, was destroyed in 67 A. D. along with the city.

With all of this, a visit to the Holy Land can be most inspirational and rewarding.

In many ways, the present city of Jerusalem must be similar to the old one—the construction of the walls, the narrow streets, the buildings. Many fascinating hours can be spent walking the streets of the city of Jerusalem and visiting such places as the Pool of Bethesda, the Garden Tomb, and Gordon's Calvary. (See story page 846.) One can visit the temple site and know with a good deal of assurance that this is the area on which the temple stood in the days of the Savior, where he was brought as a baby, where his parents found him at twelve talking to the learned men, and where he visited several times during his ministry. Visiting the Mount of Olives, the traditional site of the Garden of Gethsemane, and nearby Bethany can be an inspirational experience, and one can know with some assurance that Jesus walked that way many times.

The little town of Bethlehem is situated on the same spot that it was in the time of the Savior, and although no one can be sure that the limestone cave under the Church of the Nativity, which is said to be the oldest Christian church in the world, dating back to 330 A.D., is the actual place where Jesus was born, still in some such limestone cave in the area this wondrous event occurred.

The wilderness of Judea has probably changed little over the centuries except for the asphalt road that connects Jerusalem and Jericho. Riding along this road in a comfortable American car, one may see the shepherds tending their flocks as they have for centuries, and visit the ruins of "The Inn of the Good Samaritan," and the "Well of the Disciples," from which the Savior must have refreshed himself many times.

In the Jordan River Valley one will enjoy a visit to, and a swim in, the Dead Sea. From the north end of this body of water to the Qumran area where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found is a mere ten miles.

The Jordan River is ever fascinating, and even though the course of the river might have changed during the last two thousand years, it is good to visit the stream in which Jesus was baptized.

Throughout the country, one can see the olive trees, the vineyards, the fields of grain as they must have looked when Jesus walked that way, and in much of the area the people still pursue their farming with the same crude methods that have been used for many centuries.

Jericho is a beautiful and interesting city, with myriads of flowering trees. One remembers it as the city where the Savior healed two blind men, and where he stayed in the home of Zacchaeus, the tax collector. Nearby are diggings at the site of ancient Jericho. Walls and buildings have been discovered here that date back before 2,000 B.C. These archaeological findings and many others throughout the Holy Land help to substantiate and verify Old Testament accounts. In fact, the whole of Palestine is a treasure house for archaeological studies. Fascinating explorations have been made on the floor of the south end of the Dead Sea where some authorities think that perhaps the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were located. We are anxiously awaiting further reports of these explorations.

One of the most visited places in Samaria is Jacob's Well, enclosed within a part of an unfinished church,





and if one brings his own cup or has the courage to use a dipper that has been touched by thousands of lips, he can actually drink the delightfully cool and refreshing water drawn in a bucket from the ancient well dug by the patriarch Jacob himself. This is the same well from which the Savior drank, and near which he preached the sermon of the living water to the woman of Samaria.

At Nablus, about twenty-five miles north of Jerusalem, one can have the very interesting experience of visiting and talking with the leading men of the Samaritans. Interestingly enough, for many years these people have married only within their own race, and there are only about 370 of them left in the world—some 200 in Nablus and the remainder in Haifa in Israel.

In the southwestern part of the city is a relatively new synagogue, which is the only Samaritan house of worship in the world. In the synagogue can be found a high priest or his son, who participate in the priestly offices and do no work. To tourists, however, they tell the story of their people, their history, and their religious claims. They also show a very ancient scroll, which they say is the oldest book in the world. This is a hand-written manuscript of the Pentateuch which is their holy book, and which they say is 3,600 years old. It is carefully kept in a locked case inside a unique cylindrical bronze container

Top. Jacob's Well in upper Samaria today is enclosed by a part of an Eastern Orthodox church.

Above. The old Jerusalem-Jericho road running through the wilderness of Judea.

Right. The west part of the temple area in the Holy City. At the left is the Dome of the Rock, a Moslem mosque built on the site of Herod's Temple.





The high priest of the Samaritans stands alongside a sacred scroll which he claims to be the oldest book in the world.

made in Persia. The manuscript is written on sheepskin parchment some eighty-two feet long in ancient Hebrew, which the priest says is the oldest language in the world. If one happens to visit their synagogue on a Saturday, their Sabbath, they will solicit no contributions and sell no souvenirs. But on appointment one of the priests will meet one in his hotel in Jerusalem to tell him more about their religion and their people and to solicit interest in buying pamphlets, a miniature (*Continued on page* 859)

Censoring the Joseph Smith Story

BY HUGH NIBLEY

CONCLUSION

An exceedingly wild story was attributed to Martin Harris by the *Weekly Visitor* in 1841, a story which Harris was reported to have told back in 1827—what memories these people have! According to this, after a futile attempt to get the plates "Joe went alone in silence home and was met on the way by an angel in the woods: 'He spoke in a voice of thunder, and forked lightning shot through the trees and ran along the ground. The terror of the Divine messenger's appearance instantly struck Smith to the earth, and he felt his whole frame convulsed with agony' . . . the angel upbraided him and disappeared. 'Smith went home trembling and full of terror. Another Divine communication was made to him, authorizing him to go alone and bring the chest and deposit it secretly under the hearth of his dwelling.' "[76] Again the suggestive and misleading quotes, again the garbled stories; this is another example of how thoroughly corrupted the first vision story can get, but the familiar elements are there: Joseph Smith alone in the silent woods, the light in the treetops, the young man struck to the ground and overcome so that "he felt his whole frame convulsed with agony," the awesome appearance of "the Divine messenger," who gives him instructions, the specification that the vision about the plates came later as well as the useful information that this story is being told at the third-hand after a lapse of many years. The authority for this story is an editor of the *Episcopal Recorder* of Philadelphia, who describes in detail how Harris told the tale to him "early in the autumn of 1827."[77] A very unflattering retelling of the first vision story—what else could one expect?—but at least an early one.

On October 12, 1832, one J. B. Pixley wrote a worried letter to the editor of the *Christian Watchman*, in which he deplored the coming of the Mormons to Missouri. What particularly annoyed this correspondent was that the invaders had not changed any of the crazy ideas they had back in Ohio and New York: ". . . their creed," he wrote, "appears to have undergone but little change. . . . The Mormons *still* prefer to talk with angels, visit the third heaven, and converse with Christ face to face. They pretend to have discovered where the Ark of the Covenant, Aaron's Rod, the Pot of Manna, etc., etc., now remain hid."[78] Again the free invention—the Ark, the Rod, and the Pot are a unique contribution of the writer; but along with that go the now familiar motifs of angelic visitation and face-to-face conversation with Christ.

Pixley's complaint is confirmed in the reports of a great mass meeting that was held at Independence, Missouri, on July 20, 1833. There was a report:

"The committee fears that . . . they (the Mormons) will soon have all the offices in the county in their hands; and that the lives and property of other citizens would be insecure, under the administration of men who are so ignorant and superstitious as to believe that they have been the subjects of miraculous and supernatural cures; hold converse with God and his angels, and possess and exercise the gifts of divination, and of unknown tongues."[79]

The *Missouri Intelligencer and Boone's Lick Advertiser* of August 10, 1833 reports it thus:

"What would be the fate of our lives and property, in the hands of jurors and witnesses, who would not blush to declare and would not upon occasion hesitate to swear, that they have wrought miracles and supernatural cures; have converse with God and His angels; and possess and exercise the gift of divination and of unknown tongues . . . may be better imagined than described."[80]

"Of their pretended revelations from Heaven," an editor comments, "their personal intercourse with God and his Angels—the maladies they pretend to heal by the laying on of hands—and the contemptible gibberish with which they profane the Sabbath . . . we have nothing to say."[80] Alexander Majors claims to have had a conversation with Joseph Smith in Missouri at this time: "I told him frankly [Majors reports] that it [the trouble with the mobs] grew out of the fact that they claimed to have seen an angel, and to have received a new revelation from God. . . . He then scouted the idea that people would receive such treatment as they did merely because they claimed to have seen angels and talked with God and claimed to have a new revelation."[81] Whether Majors is gilding the lily or not, it is clear that the one thing that

most enraged the Missourians when the Mormons first came to Missouri in the early 1830's was the Mormon claim that somebody had "seen angels *and* talked with God."

This writer has made no systematic search of "intimations" of the first vision story in early Mormon and anti-Mormon writings. What we have presented here is simply what we have turned up on short notice among a lot of old notes which we gathered years ago with a wholly different project in view; but it is quite enough to refute the claim that not a single intimation that anyone ever heard the first vision story is to be found anywhere between 1820 and 1840. What the present state of the evidence most strongly suggests is that Joseph Smith did tell his story to some of his followers at an early date, that the story got abroad, as such things will, and in the process of being handed around inevitably became contaminated and corrupted beyond recognition, until at last Joseph Smith was obliged to issue a public statement. He did this reluctantly, confining his report to bare essentials. Throughout his life Joseph Smith was never eager to tell the story of his first vision. This is a thing which the publicity-minded writers of anti-Mormon books seem quite incapable of comprehending; hungry for "success" and attention themselves, they find it simply inconceivable that Joseph Smith or any of the prophets should have "kept it close, and told no man of any of those things which they had seen." (Luke 9:36.) For them the complete proof that Joseph Smith had no first vision is that he did not advertise it.

They're Still at It:

We should not conclude without referring the reader to a mimeographed sheet which was widely circulated in the mail in Utah during the third week of February of the present year (1961), and which brings our little study conveniently up to date.[82] The writing begins with a pompous and resounding declaration: "It had recently been discovered that the teaching that God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ appeared to Joseph Smith in 1820 was not a part of early church doctrine until after the death of Brigham Young." This gives us a new terminal date for our story—1877! The proof of this sensational claim is as follows:

"Brigham Young said, *'The Lord did not come . . . But He did send His angel to this same obscure person, Joseph Smith, Jun., . . . and informed him that he should not join any of the religious sects of the day, for they were all wrong; . . .'* (*Journal of Discourses,* Vol. 2, p. 171.)"

What Brigham Young *did* say at the place indicated was:

"But as it was in the days of our Savior, so it was in the advent of this new dispensation. . . . The Lord did not come with the armies of heaven, in power and great glory, nor send His messenger panoplied with aught else than the truth of heaven, to communicate to the meek, lowly, the youth of humble origin, the sincere inquirer after the knowledge of God. But he did send his angel to this same obscure person, Joseph Smith, Jun., who afterwards became a Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, and informed him that he should not join any of the religious sects of the day, for they were all wrong."

By suppressing most of the first sentence, which explains that as in ancient times the Lord did not come himself nor send his messengers *in visible splendor,* our critics make the sentences appear to say that he did not come at all. And by further juggling it is made to appear that the Lord sent an angel instead of coming himself, and that it was the angel who told Joseph Smith that all the religious sects were wrong. Actually the statement "the Lord did not come" is promptly followed by the fuller specification ". . . *nor* sent His messenger," which our critics have carefully omitted, since that makes it perfectly clear that Brigham Young is denying neither class of heavenly manifestation, but simply stating that they did not happen *in a particular way;* for in the next sentence he goes on to specify that God "did send his angel to this same obscure person," and God (not "who"!) "informed him that he should not join any of the religious sects. . . ." God both instructed Joseph Smith and sent his angel—but he did not do either in visible splendor.

Next our discoverers (*Continued on page* 865)

PART II:

The Rivers of Babylon

VIRGINIA M. KAMMEYER



One evening Squire Daniel H. Wells came around to see us. "I have brought a petition," he said. "The residents of Nauvoo are begging the governor to send us some protection."

"Squire Wells," I asked, "why is it that law and order cannot be maintained here? Why is it unsafe for men like Jeremy even to go out to harvest a crop without being attacked and beaten by a mob?"

"Illinois is a border state and attracts many outlaws. Even appointed officers are sometimes men of unsavory past. That makes it difficult for the honest ones to do their duty." He paced the floor, his hands clenched in indignation beneath his coattails. "It isn't safe for Mormons or anyone who associates with them. Nauvoo used to be the most respectable, quiet,

"For us this is Zion,
over there is Babylon."

and orderly city in Illinois. No liquor was sold here. People seldom broke the law. There was even an ordinance against swearing. Now you see what things have come to. The governor has sent six different detachments of troops to try to keep order in the past year, and every one has resigned in defeat."

As Squire Wells turned to leave, I could not resist asking him one more question.

"Do you know Simon Kincaid?" I asked and was angry with myself for blushing.

"Yes, indeed. He is a fine man."

"What is his trade?"

"He is a tanner. He goes about the country buying hides."

I confess I was disappointed. I knew that being a

tanner was not an unworthy business, but somehow it did not fit my idea of Simon Kincaid.

The mid-August weather turned oppressively hot, as only the midwest can be hot. And then it began to rain. For three days we were confined to the house while it poured. I busied myself cleaning cupboards, and in doing so I came across some things left by the former owners: a dolly, very prettily made, with clothes of dainty stitching; a little carved horse and wagon; a child's primer and speller; and a packet of letters addressed to a certain Jonathan Gunn.

I resolved on a course of action I had long been considering—to pay the builder of our house a visit.

The next day the rain stopped as suddenly as it had begun, and the sun smiled down on a world still glistening wet. I tucked the articles I had found into a carpetbag and walked down to the river. I did not tell Dolly and Jeremy where I was going. They supposed me bound for a neighbor's to quilt.

I found a man lounging beside a boat. "Would you please take me across the river to the Mormon camp?" I asked.

He was most reluctant to do so, until I offered him a dollar. "But I won't wait around fer ye," he said. "They's fever up there, and I ain't ago' to stay."

"Will you come back for me in an hour, for another dollar?" This he consented to do, and rowed me across the river and up about a quarter of a mile, leaving me on the Iowa shore. I do not know what I expected to find in the Mormon camp, but the sight that greeted me appeared to be a combination military bivouac and auction sale. Scattered among the tents and wagons were articles of furniture: sofas, tables, pictures, even a few pianos and a harp; and all in a sea of mud. In the wagons and on beds lay many sick with others attending them.

I approached a woman drawing water from the river and asked her the whereabouts of Jonathan Gunn. She looked at me in surprise, but led the way to a wagon where I found a man serving a cold midday meal of bread and beans to two small children . He was polite but aloof when I told him I was the present owner of his house. He seemed like a man from whom all emotion had been wrung. He took the toys and books and thanked me briefly, while the children's faces lighted at the sight of their familiar things.

"I also have some letters," I said, fetching them from my bag. "They are addressed to you."

He reached for the letters, looked at the handwriting, and then his control began to break. "These are from my wife, written to me on my mission."

"I am sure that she will be glad to have them back."

"She is dead."

I tried to say, "I am sorry," but the words would not come.

"She died of the fever last week. We rowed back across the river secretly at night, to bury her where she wished to be."

"I can well understand such a wish. Nauvoo is a beautiful city, and you built a most beautiful house."

"I am a cabinetmaker and carpenter," he said. And then looking at me steadily, he asked, "I am curious to know, how much did you pay for the house?"

"Seventeen hundred dollars for the house and two fields."

He gave me a brief smile. "We received two half-broken oxen and this wagon."

"I am sorry."

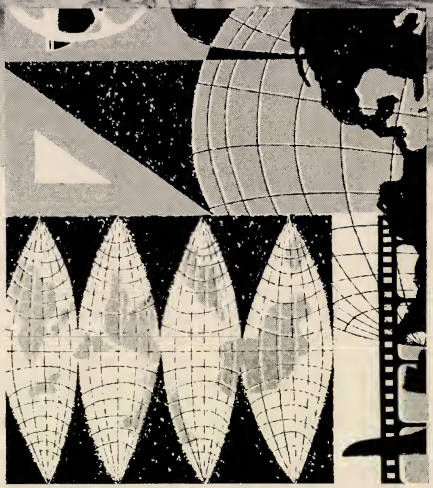
"Do not feel sorry for us, Miss Dow. We are well away from all that Nauvoo represents." He stretched his hand over the wretched, muddy camp. "For us, this is Zion. Over there is Babylon."

I left him feeding his little children their meager meal, and as I looked at their pinched little faces, I resolved to bring them some fruit from the garden. I made my way back to the water's edge to wait for my boatman, but when I had waited two hours by my little gold watch, it became apparent that I was to wait in vain. The man had vanished with my money and had no intention (*Continued on page* 882)



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JOSEPH SMITH'S CONTRIBUTION TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE MISSION OF JESUS



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Nineteen centuries ago a group of men, enraged at the claim of one of their countrymen that he was the Son of God, denounced him before a Roman governor at Jerusalem and brought him to an ignominious death. But the claims and the teachings of Jesus were remembered and believed by those who had been his disciples. Confirmed in their belief by the subsequent appearances unto them of their Resurrected Lord, they went forth into all the world with the astounding message that they had walked and talked with the very Son of the Living God and were witnesses to the fact that he had conquered the bonds of death and had risen from the grave.

Pursuant to the previous admonition of their Master these followers began to search the scriptures anew for passages and prophecies concerning him whom they had known. The scriptures proclaimed a "Messiah" who was to come. But such passages as might pertain to their Lord were few and fragmentary. They might not have been understood apart from their personal experiences with the Master—indeed,



they were not understood by those who lacked those personal experiences. Nevertheless, to those who had sat at the feet of Jesus and heard him expound the scriptures, these passages now had meaning—that he whom men called Jesus was indeed the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world. The writer of the Gospel of Matthew devoted his book to the problem of identifying Jesus as the Messiah of the Hebrew literature—and the writer of John devoted his book to the identifying of Jesus as the Son of God, beginning his account with these significant words:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

"The same was in the beginning with God.

"All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. . . .

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:1-4, 14.)

Whatever may be said by men today concerning the relationship of the Old Testament scriptures to Jesus of Nazareth, it is certain that those who knew him best while he was on earth and who were closer to the Hebrew scriptures than we, both in point of time and in understanding of Hebrew idiom, understood such scriptures to proclaim the advent and mission of the Master.

But the fragmentary nature of such passages as might indicate a foreknowledge of the Christ seem as difficult to understand today without the personal contact with Jesus as they were in the days when his enemies nailed him to a cross. Nineteen centuries without such direct experiences have raised doubts in the minds of many concerning the relationship of the Old Testament passages to the Savior at all, and having doubted the gospel writers in these matters, many have also come to doubt the healing and miracles of Jesus and his resurrection from the dead. Increasingly, the concept of Jesus as a mere man, a great ethical teacher, is crowding out the concept of Jesus as the Son of a Living God, who came among men in the flesh in accordance to a great plan of God which called for the redemption of the souls of men.

Perhaps nothing which Joseph Smith, the latter-day Prophet, did for mankind is so vital as the restoration of Jesus in the minds of men as the Son of God and the Savior of the world. This restoration came about in three ways. First, Jesus the Christ, as a Resurrected Being, with flesh and bones appeared unto Joseph Smith and was introduced unto him by God himself as his Son. Second, this Jesus repeatedly spoke unto Joseph Smith in revelation concerning his mission. In the introduction to one of those revelations we find these words:

"I am Alpha and Omega, Christ the Lord; yea, even I am he, the beginning and the end, the Redeemer of the world.

"I, having accomplished and finished the will of him whose I am, even the Father, concerning me—having done this that I might subdue all things unto myself—

"Retaining all power, even to the destroying of Satan and his works at the end of the world, and the last great day of judgment, which I shall pass upon the inhabitants thereof, judging every man according to his works and the deeds which he hath done." (D&C 19:1-3.)

And again:

"Listen to the voice of Jesus Christ, your Redeemer, the Great I Am, whose arm of mercy hath atoned for your sins." (*Ibid.*, 29:1.)

Numerous passages from these modern scriptures bear upon the mission of Jesus and its accomplishment.

In the third place, ancient scriptures which through the goodness of God Joseph Smith came to translate, contain many significant passages by ancient prophets concerning the mission of the Savior. These passages throw light upon the whole problem and again turn the attention of mankind to Jesus as the Son of God.

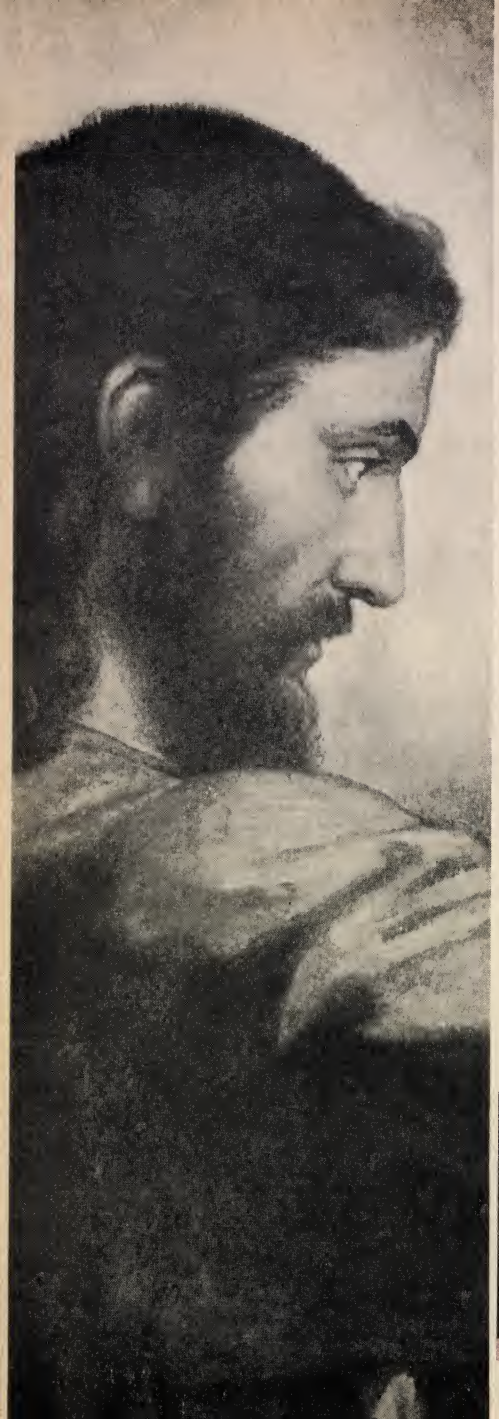
These scriptures reveal Jesus as the Christ, our Elder Brother—co-existent with God before the world was—aiding in the plans for man's progression, as portrayed in the following:

"Now the Lord had shown unto me, Abraham, the intelligences that were organized before the world was; and among all these there were many of the noble and great ones. . . .

"And there stood one among them that was like unto God, and he said unto those who were with him: We will go down, for there is space there, and we will take of these materials, and we will make an earth whereon these may dwell;

"And we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them. . . .

"And the Lord said: Whom shall I send? And one answered like unto the Son of Man: Here am I, send me. And another answered and said: Here am I, send me. And the Lord (*Continued on page* 864)



"Whom do men say that I the son of man am?"

■ And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives!

For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—

That by him and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God.

—THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH AND SIDNEY RIGDON

■ I testify that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior and Redeemer of the world; I have obeyed his sayings, and realized his promise, and the knowledge I have of him, the wisdom of this world cannot give, neither can it take away.

—PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG

■ He [Jesus Christ] had power, when all mankind had lost their life, to restore life to them again; and hence he is the Resurrection and the Life, which power no other man possesses. . . .

Hence being the Mediator between God and man, he becomes by right the dictator and director on earth and in heaven for the living and for the dead, for the past, the present, and the future, pertaining to man as associated with this earth or the heavens.

—PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR



JOSEPH SMITH BRIGHAM YOUNG JOHN TAYLOR

I have always looked upon the life of our Savior—who descended beneath all things that he might rise above all things—as an example for his followers. And yet it has always, in one sense of the word, seemed strange to me that the Son of God, the First Begotten in the eternal worlds of the Father and the Only Begotten in the flesh, should have to descend to the earth and pass through what he did—born in a stable, cradled in a manger, persecuted, afflicted, scorned, a hiss and byword to almost all the world and especially to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and Judea. . . . There is something about all this that appears sorrowful; but it seemed necessary for the Savior to descend below all things that he might ascend above all things.

—PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF

When Jesus came, he came as a sacrifice not simply in the interest of Israel . . . but in the interest of the whole human family, that in him all men might be blessed, that in him all men might be saved; and his mission was to make provision by which the whole human family might receive the benefits of the everlasting gospel, . . . not alone those dwelling upon the earth, but those also in the spirit world.

—PRESIDENT LORENZO SNOW

Jesus Christ is the Son of Elohim both as spiritual and bodily offspring; that is to say, Elohim is literally the Father of the spirit of Jesus Christ and also of the body in which Jesus performed his mission in the flesh, and which body died on the cross and was afterward taken up by the process of resurrection and is now the immortalized tabernacle of the eternal spirit of our Lord and Savior.

—PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH

It is a remarkable fact that we can never read or hear of the labors which our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ performed without taking pleasure in it, while, on the other hand, there is nothing so interesting in the life and history of any other individual but what by hearing or reading it time and time again we become tired of it. The story of Jesus the Christ is a story of old that ever remains new. The oftener I read of his life and labors the greater are the joy, the peace, the happiness, the satisfaction that fill my soul. There is ever a new charm comes to me in contemplating his words and the plan of life and salvation which he taught to men during his life upon the earth.

—PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

We are informed that we will not be held responsible for the sin of Adam, but that we will be held responsible for our own sins. The atonement of Jesus Christ removed from us the responsibility of atoning for the sin of father Adam, and he has made it possible for us to live here upon the earth, and in due time, if we take advantage of our opportunities, we will be prepared to be resurrected from the dead when that time shall come.

—PRESIDENT GEORGE ALBERT SMITH

There is not a principle which is taught by the Savior of men but is applicable to the growth, development, and happiness of mankind. Every one of his teachings seems to touch the true philosophy of living. I accept them wholeheartedly. I like to study them. It is a joy to try to live them.

—PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY



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OUR LORD THE CHRIST

BY JAMES E. TALMAGE

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

The Man Supreme!

In whom dwelt manhood in completeness and the fulness of the Godhead bodily. Under the Father's empowerment the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

Jehovah, the Eternally Existing One who is from everlasting to everlasting, the I AM of eternity past, of time, and of eternity to come.

Whom the Father called his Chosen, his Beloved Son, his First-born of spirits, his Only Begotten in the flesh.

The Word who was in the beginning, who was with God, who was God, who was made flesh and dwelt among men.

Foremost of all who have trodden the earth with mortal feet.

The Babe of Bethlehem, the Boy of Nazareth, the Man of Sorrows acquainted with grief.

My Elder Brother and yours.

The Teacher Pre-eminent.

He who was condemned as a malefactor, died as a mortal, rose as a God Triumphant.

Redeemer of the race from death, Savior from the effects of sin, source of life eternal.

The first to come forth from the tomb a Resurrected Soul.

The Conqueror of death and hell.

He who shall come in like manner as he went and shall reign personally upon the earth with his Saints.

He who shall deliver to the Father the cleansed and purified earth, with its hosts of the redeemed, saying, "I have overcome and have trodden the winepress alone . . . then shall he be crowned with the crown of his glory, to sit on the throne of his power to reign forever and ever." (D&C 76:107-8.)

He has been repeatedly proclaimed by the Father's voice as the Son Divine, and from boyhood to sacrificial death solemnly avowed his own exalted status as that Son of Man. Prophets and apostles in both olden and modern days, and the "common people" who heard him gladly, have reverently affirmed his divinity. Angels have sung and demons shrieked his name as that of power and Godship.

We acclaim Jesus Christ as the veritable Son of the Eternal Father in both spirit and body. He lived as a Man among men yet was wholly unique in that he combined within himself the attributes of mortality as the heritage from a mortal mother and the powers of Godhood received as a birthright from his immortal Father.

Thus he became capable of death and died, yet had power over death, and so held death in abeyance until he willed to die. This he affirmed while yet he was mortal: "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." (John 10:17-18.)

He was unique in having been accepted and foreordained to be the Redeemer and Savior of mankind, and yet again in the fact of his absolute sinlessness.

He was the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the *Jehovah* of the Old Testament and the *Christ* of the New.

No man can return to the Father except through the Son, for the name of Jesus Christ is "the only name which shall be given under heaven, whereby salvation shall come unto the children of men."

He has manifested himself in person to his prophets in the present dispensation and has spoken with them as one man speaks with another.

He is known to be in the likeness of the Eternal Father—the express image of the father's person—for both have been seen and heard in this the dispensation of consummation and fulness.

Through the instrumentality of men commissioned to officiate for him, he has re-established his Church upon the earth, for the last time, and has bestowed upon it his name—The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He has officered his Church as of old, with apostles, patriarchs, high priests, seventies, elders, bishops, priests, teachers, and deacons.

Again as aforetime he has called and is calling mankind to faith and repentance, then to baptism by water, and to the baptism of the Spirit through the bestowal of the Holy Ghost by the authorized imposition of hands.

He manifests his powers through the graces of the Spirit, as seen in gifts of revelation, prophecy, tongues and their interpretation, by inspired dreams and visions, by healings, and by a diversity of gifts called by man miracles.

Through him *redemption* is assured and *salvation* made possible to every soul. Salvation includes and exceeds redemption. It is the plan conceived in the mind of God the Eternal Father and given to man through Jesus Christ, whereby the degenerating and

disastrous results of individual transgression may be atoned for; it is the means by which the loathsome malady of sin may be cured. Redemption, or rescue from death, is of universal assurance, salvation is of individual attainment, made possible in fulness through compliance with the laws and ordinances of the Gospel based on the *Atonement* accomplished by him alone.

A Redeemer and Savior is essential to the accomplishment of the Father's work and glory—"*to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.*"

Sometime, somewhere, the knowledge of the Lord shall come to every soul with saving or convicting effect; then every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that he is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. (The Improvement Era, Volume 36, p. 69.)

NAPOLEON ON THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST

"From first to last Jesus is the same, always the same—majestic and simple, infinitely severe and infinitely gentle. Throughout a life passed under the public eye, he never gives occasion to find fault. The prudence of his conduct compels our admiration by its union of force and gentleness. Alike in speech and action, he is enlightened, consistent, and calm. Sublimity is said to be an attribute of divinity. What name then shall we give him, in whose character were united every element of the sublime? I know men, and I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a man. Everything in him amazes me. His spirit out-reaches mine, and his will confounds me. Comparison is impossible between him and any other being in the world. He is truly a being by himself. His ideas and his sentiments, the truth that he announces, his manner of convincing are all beyond humanity, and the natural order of things. His birth and the story of his life; the profoundness of his doctrine, which overturns all difficulties, and is their most complete solution. His gospel, the singularity of his mysterious being; his appearance; his empire; his progress through all centuries and kingdoms—all this is to me a prodigy, an unfathomable mystery. I see nothing here of man. Near as I may approach, closely as I may examine, all remains above my comprehension—great with greatness that crushes me. It is in vain that I reflect—all remains unaccountable! I defy you to cite another life like that of Christ." (The Improvement Era, Volume 1, pp. 217-218.)

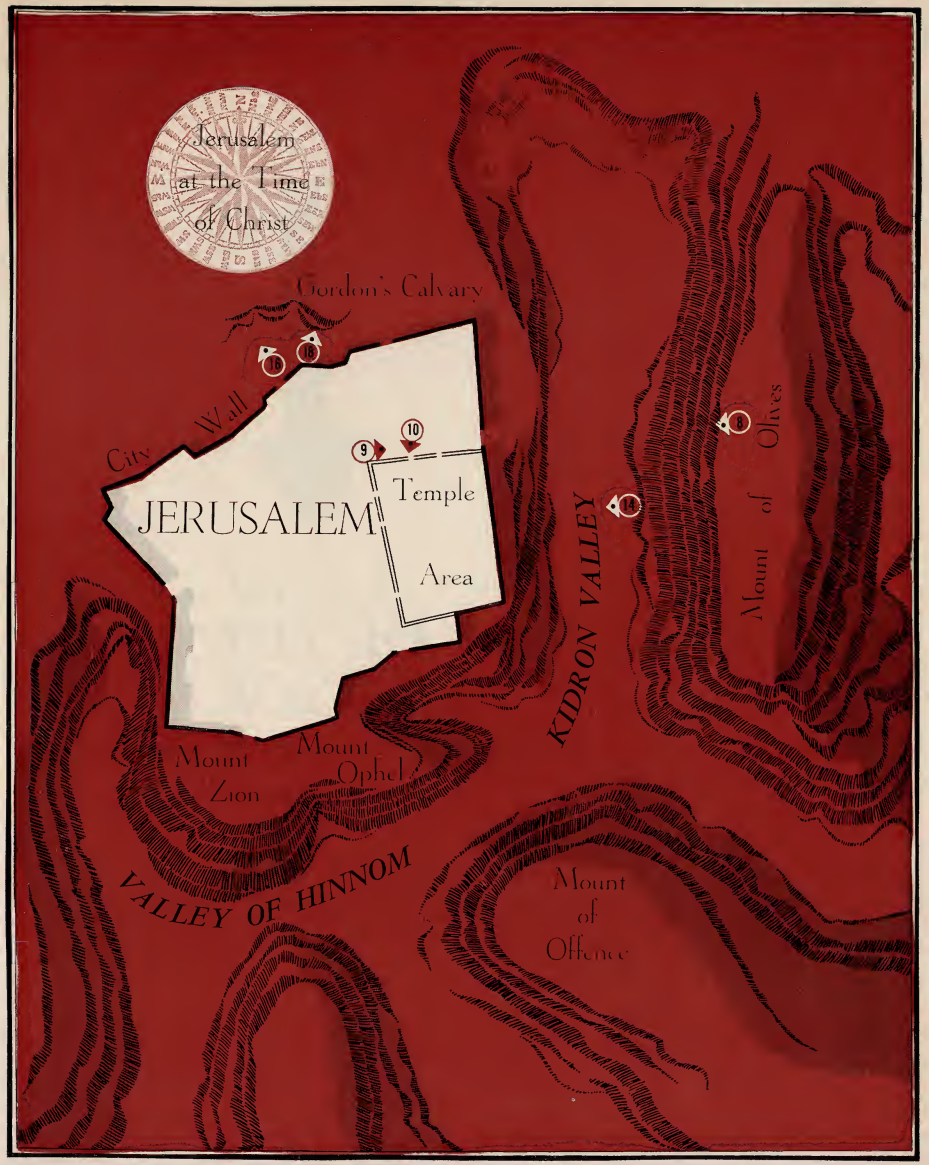
CHRIST THE KING

BY PRESIDENT CHARLES W. PENROSE

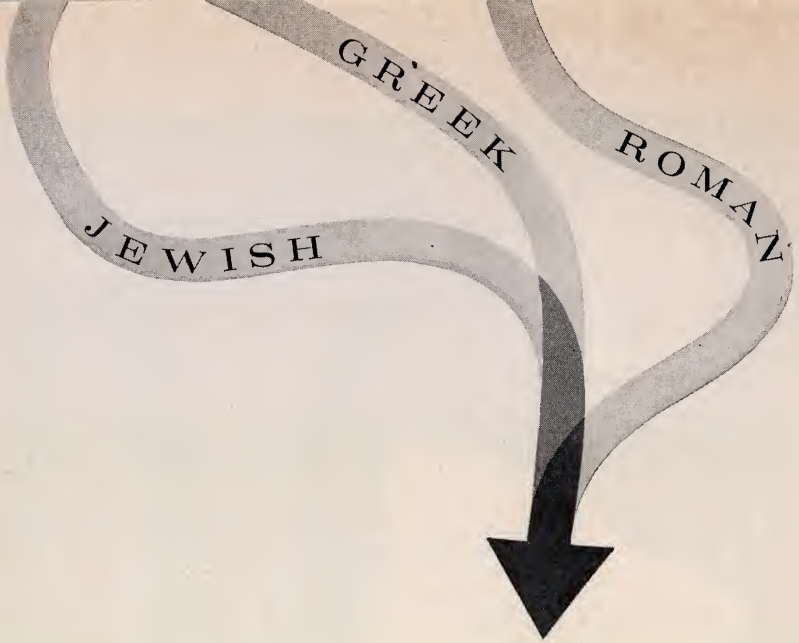
Christ is King! He is the spiritual Lord of all who believe in him as the Son of God and the Savior of man. Once the despised and rejected, even of his own race, he is the most highly honored by more millions of all nations, tribes, and tongues than any monarch of the ages. Hail to the coming of the mighty One who is "God manifest in the flesh," who conquered death and lives forever more! Christ is not only "the Lamb that was slain" but the "Lion of the tribe of Judah." He was meek and mild to the good, and forgiving to the ignorant and erring; but he was also stern and forceful against the hypocrite and wilfully wicked. He stands for justice as well as mercy, and is the embodiment of all the virtues and all the powers of divinity. He was and is the authorized representative of the Eternal Father, "full of grace and truth," and "no man cometh to the Father but by him." He was the first-born in the family of spirit sons and daughters destined to progressive experience and trial for the honor and glories of complete immortality, and he is their Leader and Redeemer. Through untold cycles of companionship with the Father he witnessed the works of Deity, and "all things that the Father doeth" were shown unto him. Thus he was qualified to figure personally in the creation, and to act for and manifest himself as "the very Eternal Father of heaven and earth." The story of his earth-life and ministry—his sacrificial death and glorious resurrection—has been all too briefly told by New Testament writers but sufficient has come down to modern readers to lift him in their minds above all the sons of men as the one sinless and perfect Examplar. We echo the song of the angels when he came into this lower world, "Glory to God in the highest," for sending his Beloved Son to rescue humanity from the grasp of him that hath the power of death, and to be the Resurrection and the Life! In these quiet vales, surrounded and protected by the mighty mountains, let us enjoy the sweet spirit of Immanuel, even though nations afar off revel and riot in war while professing to worship him as the Prince of Peace! He will yet turn and overturn, wielding the rod of his power until he makes a full end of the rule of this world, and then brings in a Christ's day of gladness, a millennium of rest, the universal reign of earth's rightful and everlasting King. (The Improvement Era, Volume 18, pp. 162-163.)



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LAND OF THE SAVIOR

A glimpse into his cultural background

BY GLEN F. TARBET

The world in which Christianity first planted its roots surged with plastic and cosmopolitan vigor; here the heritage of three timeless races melted together without losing individuality. Orientals, Greeks, and Romans contributed distinctly to provide the basis for creation of the culture which, as God intended, would lead the world to his kingdom.[1]

This Graeco-Roman world, often called morally bankrupt by modern religionists, appears in actuality as anything but that. Indeed, many of the earlier popular forms of religion had been abandoned, but there is no supportable evidence that those who refused to affiliate with any particular religion absolutely abandoned morality. Much as in our own time, many of the people lived according to their own good principles even though they clung to no affiliative code. As a matter of fact there were multitudes of fractional sects which sprang up more as undefineable cliques than as whole religions. Within these, the people often became so strongly religious that Christian missionaries were able to make very little headway toward conversion.[2]

Here boiled a *potpourri* not only of political and religious fervor but of intellectual excitement. With these unwelcome invasions, the Oriental had carried into Palestine his own peculiar brand of religion as well as a vast bequest of priceless philosophy. Christianity would discover the Oriental heritage buried deep in the heart of both the Jewish and the Gentile world, and it would remain potent in the life of the

time. After the Oriental came the Greek, who eventually dominated the world and permeated it with his culture, whose language was so expressive that it became an international tool of communication.[3] While the Greek made its way among the people's language, except in public worship and in the learned academies of theological doctors, in the course of time the ancient Hebrew wholly gave place to the Aramaean dialect. Such words and names in the gospels as *Raka, Abba, Golgotha, Babbatha, Akel-Dama, Bartholomaios, Barabbas, Bar-Jesus,* and various verbal quotations are all Aramaean. Paul probably spoke in an Aramaean dialect when he addressed the infuriated multitude from atop the steps leading from the temple into the fortress Antonia. (Acts 21:40; 22.)[4]

Nineteen and a half centuries ago Palestine presented a scene of beauty, richness, and a busy kind of life unsurpassed in the then known world. It was a literal fulfillment of the promise, "a land flowing with milk and honey." In places the sweet juice of figs and the milk of goats could commonly be seen flowing together. Not only could one find the fruit trees, the grain, and the garden produce known in our colder latitudes in the land, along with those plants of sunnier climes, but also rare spices and perfumes of the hottest zones were available. Every kind of fish teemed in its waters, while birds of gorgeous plumage filled the air with their songs. On the eastern side of the Jordan, where wide plains stretched, lay upland valleys, park-like forests, and almost boundless corn and pasture lands. On the western side were terraced hills covered with olives and vines, and there were delicious glens in which springs flowed. The lake of Galilee surrounded itself with fairy-like beauty as well as with bustling activity.[5] The city of Nazareth was convenient for solitude as well as for commerce. At Jesus' time it contained about 2,500 people. From the highest of the surrounding softly rolling hills one could view the Mediterranean to the west. Fifteen miles east, near the Sea of Galilee, lay Tiberius, the most important transcontinental highway between Europe, Asia, and Africa.[6]



A shepherd tends his flock in the "Shepherd's Field" south of Bethlehem.

On every side there was evidence that religion was not merely a creed here, but that it dominated every phase of life. One of the curious religious laws provided that a man could not oblige his wife to follow him if he moved either from a township to a town, or the reverse. The reason for the former provision was that in a town people lived so close to each other that fresh air and gardens were a rarity. On the other hand some women objected to giving up the convenience of town and the fellowship of many neighbors.[7] For instance, the Nazareth water supply was one large well near the lower part of the city and was a major attraction for the women, who visited it at least once a day, not only to obtain water but to exchange the day's pleasantries.[8]

A viewer of the streets of a town in Galilee or Judea would see houses differing widely in size and elegance, from the small cottage to the mansions of the rich. These were sometimes two or more stories high and embellished by rows of adornments. An extra room was often built on the roof for the convenience of house guests so that they could go in or out without being disturbed by the household. These upper rooms were usually the center of any unusual activities which the family or head of the household wished to carry on in private.[9] All homes had flat roofs and were built of earth, stone, or adobe. Many had outside stairways to give access to the roofs. Cooking and baking were done in earthen vessels over an open fire in the center of the room. When meals were finished the vessels were removed and the debris swept away. Light was furnished from flat clay lamps, burning olive oil. A night's rest was spent lying on a mat or rug unrolled on the floor with only one's heavy outer garments to provide covering.[10] This phase of Nazarene life is reflected definitely in the homely imageries of the parables of Jesus, and perhaps it is reflected in Luke's translation of the beatitude "Blessed are ye poor."[11]

Because there were so many poverty-stricken people, many naturally suffered from sickness; not only did the people find difficulty in eking out their meager existence, but life was made more cruel by the imposition of unreasonable taxes both from the Roman rulers and from the religious authorities who needed funds to maintain the temple.[12]

Some strange (*Continued on page* 856)



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

What pictures come to our minds when we hear the words "Holy Land"! From our earliest childhood we have known that the Holy Land, or Palestine, was the land of God's chosen people and his prophets. This faraway place has especially endeared itself to us as the earthly home of the Savior. There Jesus was born and grew to maturity. There he spent three years teaching the "good news" of his gospel. There he healed the sick, brought sight to the blind, and performed many other wondrous miracles. There he set up his Church. And there he died to atone for the sins of the world and broke the bands of death so that all will live again.

Even the youngest of us know of cities and places in this faraway land: Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, Calvary, Samaria! These names and many others bring stirring stories to our minds.

Who is there among us who has not dreamed of visiting these scenes? Who would not like to walk where Jesus walked, see the little town in which he was born, become acquainted with the city in which he grew up, stand on the Mount of Olives, rest on the banks of the Jordan, ride on the waves of Galilee? Inasmuch as but few of you may actually have the opportunity of going to the Holy Land, The Improvement Era in this issue brings the Holy Land to you.

When this project was conceived many months ago, it was decided that no effort should be spared to obtain quality pictures which could be reproduced to show in natural color and in true perspective scenes in Palestine which were important in the life of the

THESE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN
EXPRESSLY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT ERA
BY DOYLE L. GREEN, MANAGING EDITOR

NUMBERS ON MAPS, PAGES 222 AND 223
INDICATE WHERE THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN.

Savior. The task would not be an easy one. Nearly two thousand years have passed since our Savior lived upon the earth. Many changes have come about: Cities have been destroyed and rebuilt; rivers have changed their courses; the exact locations where some of the events took place cannot be identified. And yet the editors felt that many of the scenes that were familiar to Jesus could be faithfully shown. Subsequently, contacts were made with photographers, photo agencies, publishers, and information bureaus, but with disappointing results.

As time for going to press drew nearer, the realization came that needed pictures were not available in the size and quality that would assure an excellent job of reproduction. It then became clear that if the desired pictures were to be had, the Era would have to send someone after them. The assignment was given to the managing editor, Doyle L. Green, who left Salt Lake City with his wife in late May 1961 for Palestine.

They took with them six cameras, also three choice types of colored film securely packed with canned ice in insulated bags to preserve them from the damaging June heat. Whenever possible the colored film, both before and after exposure, was kept in freezers at the various hotels. Most of the photographing was done in the early morning and late evening hours.

The Era is proud to present herein the results of that special assignment in sixteen pages of pictures lithographed in full color, reproduced mostly from 4 x 5 Ansco color and Ektachrome transparencies. We believe this project marks a new high in photographic and reproduction excellence, and trust that these pictures will give a new vision and honest image of the Holy Land to be enjoyed, preserved, and used in homes and classrooms for years to come.

EDITOR'S NOTES ON THE PICTURES

1. The Jordan River near the Sea of Galilee. This picture was taken about 6:00 a m, looking almost directly north. There are many trees and reeds along the river in this area. Close to the river the growth is luxuriant. The water here is quite clear although it has a greenish cast. Fish by the hundreds can be seen in the stream.

2. The hill country of Judea looking toward Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives. The picture was taken about 9 a m, looking north. To the right is the Mount of Olives marked by the high tower, and to the left is the city of Jerusalem with part of the wall plainly visible. The Kidron Valley, also called the Valley of Jehoshaphat, runs between Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives toward the Dead Sea, about fifteen miles away. The road in the center foreground is of recent construction and is somewhat longer than the six-mile road between Jerusalem and Bethlehem which follows the tops of the mountains toward the left, but which had to be abandoned when the treaty line was drawn between Israel and Jordan. Even though the season was early June, the small fields of wheat scattered around the hills were "ripe and ready for harvest." From where the picture was taken it is approximately four miles to the city.

3. The little town of Bethlehem, Judea, birthplace of the Savior, taken from the Shepherds' Fields. Situated in the tops of the Judean hills about 2,500 feet above sea level, Bethlehem seemingly has not changed much during the centuries. What is said to be the oldest Christian church in existence, parts of which were built in 330 A.D., marks the traditional site of the place where Jesus was born.

4. Nazareth of Galilee, where Jesus grew to manhood. The old city where Jesus lived with Joseph and Mary and where Joseph had his carpenter shop was probably on the slope to the right. The city has been destroyed three times since the days of Jesus, and there is little here today to remind one of him, except the well to which he may have come often to fetch water for his mother. But on these hills and in this valley the Savior lived, worked, and prepared for his ministry. The plain of Armageddon or Esdraelon can be seen in the distance.

5. Ruins of the synagogue at Capernaum, where Jesus may have taught. Matthew calls Capernaum, which is situated on the northern shores of the Sea of Galilee, "his own city." In this area the Savior performed many miracles. When he taught in the synagogue, the people "were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power." The ruins of the city are mute evidence of the fulfillment of the words of the Savior, "And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shall be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in

(Continued after the Color Photographs)

The Jordan River near the Sea of Galilee. (1)





The hill country of Judea looking toward Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives. (2)

The little town of Bethlehem, Judea, birthplace of the Savior. (3)





Nazareth of Galilee, where Jesus grew to manhood. (4)

Ruins of the synagogue at Capernaum, where Jesus may have taught. (5)





Galilee, looking across the plain of Armageddon toward the hills of Nazareth. (6)

The Sea of Galilee near Capernaum. (7)



The Holy City of Jerusalem



The Mount of Olives from Jerusalem. (9)

The roof tops of the Holy City. (10)



from the Mount of Olives. (8)





The hills and valleys of Samaria near Jacob's Well. (11)

The Sea of Galilee, "where Jesus loved so much to be." (12)





Bethany, where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. (13)

The Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed. (14)





The Jordan River near Jericho. (15)

The "Garden of the Resurrection" and the "Garden Tomb." (16)



The Dead Sea. (17)

"Gordon's Calvary," the place of a skull. (18)



thee had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. (Matt. 11:23.)

6. Galilee, looking across the plain of Armageddon or Esdraelon toward the hills of Nazareth. Mt. Tabor is the rounded mountain towards the right of the picture. The hills of Nazareth are on the left. The town of Nazareth where Jesus spent most of the first thirty years of his earthly life is situated in the tops of the hills.

7. The Sea of Galilee near Capernaum. This late evening photograph of the Sea of Galilee emphasizes the blue in "blue Galilee" and minimizes the color in the cloudless sky. These are the shores where the Savior must have walked and taught. In this area the fishermen whom he called to follow him docked their boats, brought their fish to shore, and dried and mended their nets. The Savior crossed this body of water many times. Here he stilled the storm and walked on the waves. The picture was taken looking toward the east. The ruins of the city of Capernaum are among the trees in the distance.

8. The Holy City of Jerusalem, from the Mount of Olives. The two pictures which make this panorama were taken at 6 a m from near the top of the Mount of Olives looking almost directly west. The entire eastern wall of the city can be seen. The Garden of Gethsemane was located somewhere on the slope in the foreground of the picture. The temple which Jesus knew was in the southeast corner of the city. The building with the golden dome occupies a part of the temple area. It is a Moslem mosque called the "Dome of the Rock," which according to Moslem tradition is constructed over the rock where Abraham built an altar to sacrifice his son, Isaac. Many olive trees are shown in the picture, and in the bottom righthand corner can be seen a stack of grain being threshed in the ancient way by the workman driving a team of donkeys pulling a wooden sled. The Kidron Valley lies between the Mount of Olives and Jerusalem.

9. The Mount of Olives from Jerusalem. The lengthening shadows indicate that this picture was taken in the late evening, as the Mount of Olives is directly east of the Holy City. The flat and wooded areas in the right foreground are parts of the temple site. Picture number eight was taken from the wheat field just below the high tower which marks the top of Olivet.

10. The roof tops of the Holy City. This picture was taken from the top of a high building north of the temple area, looking southwest. Some of the roofs are tiled, but most of them are of stone and mortar construction.

11. The hills and valleys of Samaria near Jacob's Well. The picture was taken in midmorning looking towards the north. The entire floor of the valley is covered with an abundant crop of wheat, ready for harvesting. Olive trees, vineyards, and various garden crops are raised on the terraced hills. Jesus walked through this valley on a number of occasions. The two objects in the left foreground are thistle flowers which were a few feet from the camera.

12. The Sea of Galilee "where Jesus loved so much to be," taken from the south tip looking northwest. Josephus, the historian, tells us that during the time of the Savior there were a number of large cities around the Sea of Galilee, and we assume there must have been some gardens close to the shore as pictured here. The unexpected appearance of clouds of unrivaled beauty helps create an image of the Sea of Galilee described in the song "O Galilee, blue Galilee, where Jesus loved so much to be." The picture taken about 7 a m.

13. Bethany, where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. This little town is on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives. It was here that Mary and Martha and Lazarus lived. The Savior must have stayed in this area when he came to visit Jerusalem, as there is no record that he spent a night in the Holy City. From somewhere in this area he ascended into heaven. The top of the Mount of Olives is the eminence on the left. The picture was taken about 7 a m looking towards the northeast.

14. The Garden of Gethsemane. The garden into which the Savior went to pray and where he was arrested on the night following the Last Supper was located somewhere on the west slope of the Mount of Olives across the Kidron Valley eastward from Jerusalem. There are a number of possible sites of the garden, but the one that seems to be most favored, a part of which is shown here, consists of eight very old and gnarled olive trees—the oldest olive trees in the vicinity. Some speculate that there is a chance that they actually were growing here at the time of the Savior. In the background can be seen the wall of Jerusalem. The picture was taken about 8 a m looking toward the west.

15. The Jordan River near the Dead Sea. In its wandering between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea, this famous stream flows about 120 miles and drops only 600 feet. Throughout most of its course between these two bodies of water it is a very slow and meandering stream. This picture was taken about 9 a m from a boat near the traditional site of the baptism of the Savior. This is a few miles north of where the river empties into the Dead Sea in the general vicinity of Jericho and may have been the area in which the children of Israel crossed into the Promised Land. There is some question as to where the Savior was actually baptized, but most authorities place the important event in this general vicinity.

16. "The Garden of the Resurrection" and the "Garden Tomb." This picture was taken about 10 in the morning, looking about northwest. A sign in the garden reads, "This is consecrated ground. Visitors are requested not to smoke. Men are asked to remove hats." (For a more complete description of the garden and the tomb, see article page 846.)

17. The Dead Sea. This is the lowest spot on the earth's surface, 1,286 feet below sea level. The picture was taken from the north shore looking toward the southwest. The Qumran area where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered is toward the left of the picture. Jerusalem is in the tops of the hills to the right about fifteen miles away.

18. "Gordon's Calvary," the place of a skull. Part of the rock formation in the face of the cliff toward the right side of the picture gives the appearance of a decaying human skull. On top of the hill is a Moslem cemetery. The large cave to the left is called Jeremiah's Grotto. According to tradition this is where the Prophet Jeremiah stayed while writing the Lamentations. This picture was taken toward the north about 7 a m. (See page 846 for story)

"Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid."



"There laid they Jesus . . ."

(JOHN 19:41-42.)

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Down through the ages Christian visitors to the Holy Land have had as one of the primary goals of their pilgrimages visiting the scenes of events connected with the Savior's crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. These events culminated the ministry of the Savior upon the earth, and the sites where they were supposed to have occurred have been looked upon by devout Christians as among the most sacred of all the places in the Holy Land. Winning these sites back from the "infidel" seems to have been the primary reason for the crusades, which stretched over a period of some two hundred years and in which from six to ten million people lost their lives.

Visitors to the Holy City today might be shown two sites of Calvary and the tomb. "Might be" is the proper terminology, for if tourists engage a prejudiced



Looking out into the "Garden of the Resurrection" from inside the tomb.

Left. "The Garden Tomb" located outside the north wall of Jerusalem near the Damascus Gate.

guide, he may avoid one of the sites completely. We had this experience on our first visit to the Holy City and would have missed one of the most satisfying events of our lives had we not dismissed our guide—a bright, well-informed, likable young man—and set out on our own to find from the maps what is known as "Gordon's Calvary"* and the "Garden Tomb."

Perhaps it is not important to know the location of Calvary or the tomb where the Savior's body rested or the garden where the resurrection took place. It is more important to know of the actuality of these events and their significance to us.

Yet, we have sung about the "green hill far away without a city wall" all of our lives. We know from the scriptures that Christ was crucified at a site called Calvary or Golgotha, which means "The Place of a Skull"; also that his body was laid to rest in a rock-hewn tomb in a nearby garden. In that garden the glorious words: ". . . he is risen; he is not here," were spoken. There the Lord broke the bands of death. And even though almost two thousand years have passed since then, and time has wrought many changes, still one cannot help wondering just where these events occurred.

The traditional sites of Calvary and the tomb are well within the city walls—the present city walls—and are covered by a building which is known as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Pilgrims have been visiting it for many centuries and millions hold it sacred in their memories and hearts.

According to tradition, the "holy sepulchre" was discovered by the Empress Helena and Bishop Macarius of Aelia in 326 A.D. At the council of Nicea, Constantine gave instructions to the bishop to use all diligence in searching for the cross, the Lord's sepulchre, and other holy places. Later, Helena, his mother, went to the Holy Land to help in the search. The one item she seemed to want to locate more than any other was the cross upon which the Savior was crucified.

Inasmuch as they had no idea where to start looking, the story goes, the bishop suggested that a prayer would be in order, and following the prayer, it was shown to him that the cross was in a certain place under the floor of a temple that had been built to a heathen goddess. Removing the floor of the temple, they found three crosses, so they concluded that this was the location of Calvary.

To identify the cross on which the Savior was crucified, the story continues, a sick woman touched each of the crosses. Nothing happened as she placed her hand on the first two, but upon touching the third she was healed from her sickness, therefore, tradition relates, they knew this was the holy cross. Continuing their excavations, they found the "holy sepulchre."

The empress subsequently had a chapel erected over the place where the crosses were supposed to have been found and another one nearby over the tomb. Both of these chapels were destroyed by the Persians in 614 A.D. but were rebuilt soon afterwards. They were again destroyed by the Turks in 934 A.D. but rebuilt about a hundred years later.

The Crusaders constructed a large building which covered the several other structures, all of which were leveled by a disastrous fire. In 1810 the present Church of the Holy Sepulchre was erected. It is a

*This possible site of Calvary is called "Gordon's Calvary" for General "Chinese" Gordon, who promoted it widely.



The interior of "The Garden Tomb" showing the crypt where the body of the Savior might have lain.

huge building shared by five denominations—the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Syrians, Armenians, and Copts. The church is in a sad state of disrepair, and today the front of it is supported by a network of steel girders which have been erected to prevent its collapse. It is also braced extensively within.

Reports are that the various denominations are so jealous of their ownership rights to the building that during the last forty years few repairs have been possible. As the churches cannot agree on which denomination should control the main entrance, a Moslem is "the keeper of the door." Each morning he climbs a high stepladder, inserts an iron key in the lock about eight feet above the ground, and opens the door. At 11:40 each night he repeats the process to close it.

In reality, then, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is a building which houses many churches and which, supposedly, encompasses numerous spots associated with the Lord's death and resurrection. "Calvary" is a series of rooms on the second floor, marking the place where (1) Jesus was disrobed and nailed to the cross; (2) where the cross was raised; (3) where Mary stood when Jesus was taken down from the cross. The alleged pillar at which Jesus was scourged is preserved. The prison where he supposedly was held is shown. There is a chapel for the parting of the garments. There is a chapel for the mocking and derision. There is a chapel to Longinus, who is supposed to be the soldier who pierced the Savior's side.

The "holy Sepulchre" itself is enclosed by a separate marble chapel. Going through a low door, one finds himself in a small chamber which is supposed to be the tomb itself. There are deep holes in the floor worn by the knees of countless pilgrims.

But with all this our visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was disillusioning and depressing as nothing there helped us visualize the death and resurrection of the Savior. The many chapels, the pomp, the ceremony, the candles, the shrines, the altars, the vestments, the statues, the incredulous claims and stories all seem out of place. There is no hill. There is no garden. There is no empty tomb to inspect. We could find little to attract the interest or the attention of Latter-day Saints.

Just outside the wall north of Jerusalem is a prominent hill which rises seventy-five feet or more above the surrounding country. It is dry most of the year, yet during the early spring, it is covered with green grass. Because it has been a Moslem cemetery for centuries, it has resisted the encroachment of buildings. The rock formations in the face of the cliff have the appearance of a decaying human skull. The hill is near the Damascus Gate and in plain sight of the road that runs around the city and off to Jericho, as well as the road that leads north.

Whether or not the rock formation which looks like a decaying skull was there in Jesus' time, no one knows. Some suppose it to have been made by earthquakes. Others think that it was made because of quarrying operations. In any event, it is interesting to speculate that because of this or some similar reason the place was named Calvary or Golgotha, the Place of a Skull.

We could not imagine the location or shape of a hill that would better fit the picture we have had in our minds of Calvary.

Just under the hill to the west of this rock formation is a lovely, well-cared-for garden known as the "Garden of the Resurrection." The plot gives the appearance of being an acre or more in size. It is surrounded by a high stone fence which secludes it from a busy bus terminal nearby and the confusion of the city streets. Charmingly landscaped with flowers and shrubs, mustard, ailanthus, and evergreen trees, it is a peaceful, serene retreat conducive to meditation, reading the scriptures, and to prayer.

One can hardly imagine a more likely place for the Savior to have been buried than in the sepulchre which has been found in this garden. Several hundred tombs in the vicinity were opened in an effort to find one that might fit the description of the rock-hewn tomb that Joseph of Arimathea had fashioned for himself, and in which they laid the body of the Savior. The Garden Tomb is, indeed, such a sepulchre. Finely chiseled into the solid rock, it is about twelve feet

long and six feet six inches wide. The height ranges about six feet six inches to seven feet.

The tomb itself is divided into two portions with an antechamber for the mourners and the main section for the "beds" in which the bodies were to be buried. Provisions had been made for three such "beds," so this was evidently to be a family tomb. However, only one of the beds seems to have been finished. This lies along the north side of the burial chamber. It is three feet wide and some six feet long. At the west end there is a rock-cut pillow which would indicate that the body would lie facing the east. Along the east end there is a peculiar extension made into the rock wall about six inches deep. Evidently this was not part of the original design, and it is interesting to speculate that perhaps the grave was extended in length to accommodate a taller man.

The tomb has other interesting features not found in similar tombs uncovered in the area. One is a window about six feet above the ground which admits light directly onto the finished receptacle. This would easily answer the question as to how Peter, when he looked into the sepulchre, could see it was empty and that the linen clothes were lying on the floor. There are also stone seats at the head and at the foot of the grave where the angels might have sat.

The Roman arch and niches carved in the rock wall outside the tomb indicate that there was once a church built over it. Experts speculate that early Christians, perhaps the Crusaders, believed that this was the tomb where the body of our Savior lay; and to protect it and worship near it, they built such a church. Perhaps it was they who tore out part of the outside wall so that they could see directly into the burial chamber during their religious services. This part of the wall has been restored with rock work. The present opening into the sepulchre is about twice as high as it must have been originally. A wooden door covers the opening to give the interior of the tomb protection. Some iron grill work and a gate have been installed between the antechamber and the main portion of the tomb.

In front of the tomb, chiseled out of the solid rock, is a trough or track. The official guidebook says that there is no reason to believe this was a track for a circular stone to cover the opening since the women who came to the grave would have had no difficulty in moving it away. It says, rather, that it might have been a trough for the feeding of horses, probably made by the Crusaders.

This line of reason seemed strange to us, and we discussed it in detail with the warden of the garden, Mr. Solomon J. Mattar, a Christian Arab from Cana in Galilee, who has been in his position since 1953. We agreed that the trough is much too small for the feeding of horses, therefore it seems more likely that it is actually the track for the stone. Such a stone would possibly have been four feet or more in diameter and eight to twelve inches thick. Rough-hewn, as it must have been, and rubbing against the side of the cliff, it could not have been moved easily. No wonder the women who came to the tomb said among themselves, "Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the tomb?" Mr. Mattar said he would recommend that the wording be altered in the next edition of the guidebook.

Near the entrance to the tomb was discovered a heart-shaped baptismal font, carved out of solid rock, with the point of the heart pointing straight into the door of the tomb. Under the garden are three large reservoirs, or at least, so it was thought until a few years ago when one of them dried up, and Mr. Mattar descended into it to see where the water had gone. As he was telling us the story on one of our visits, he permitted me to enter the door and descend by means of a steel ladder some forty feet to the bottom of a large, underground room. This room, forty-three feet wide and sixty feet long, had also been carved out of rock. On the east wall are two large carvings in relief, one of a Crusader's shield and the other of a cross about four feet high. In the ceiling is an iron hook from which a lamp might have been suspended. There seems to be little doubt that this was an underground Christian church of the early period, but no one as yet has established a date for its origin. It is believed generally that the Christians did not build churches until the third or fourth century.

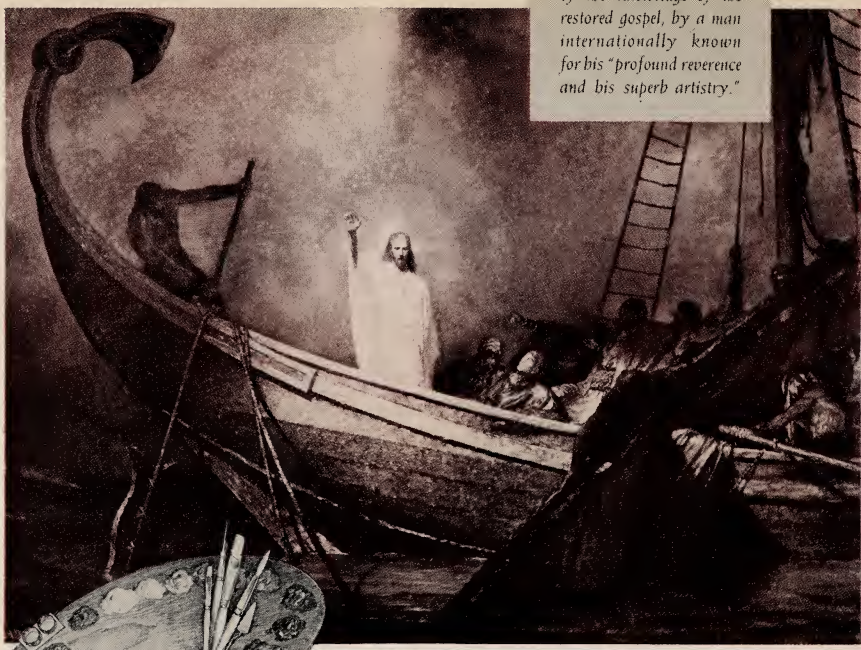
One day while Mr. Mattar was cleaning out some debris near the entrance to the sepulchre, he found, in a crevice, a metal box containing a beautiful gold cross studded with precious stones. The box itself was so corroded that it fell to pieces in his hands, but the cross was in excellent condition. Why or when it was placed there, no one knows.

On the east wall of the tomb is a painted cross which some date to the sixth century. By the cross, written in Greek, are the symbols for "Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega."

These evidences and others give rise to interesting speculation that this tomb was identified with the Savior and held in high esteem by the Christians in the early centuries.

Whether or not these are the actual sites of the death and burial and resurrection of our Lord, there is no other place in the Holy Land that seems more real. It is easy to look at the summit of Gordon's Calvary and imagine seeing the three crosses there with the body of the Savior in the center. It is not hard to see in one's (*Continued on page* 861)

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"Is not the truth the truth?"

RICHARD L. EVANS



Pilate's question to the Savior of mankind seems to be ever more important: "What is truth?"[1] Much of the difficulty and disappointment of life comes either because we don't know the truth, or don't live it when we know it. Much of our time is taken in searching for the truth. Much of our trouble comes because we don't always know who is telling the truth. Much of our effort is spent in speculating, arguing, advocating theories, suppositions, hypotheses, and personal opinions which we presume to be the truth. All this—or some of this—seems necessarily so, because there is so much that is not now known. But aside from what is not known, and aside from the necessary searching for the unknown, there is also the question of deliberate deception. And we are not here speaking of innocent deception or of the untruth of ignorance (bad as that may be), but of deliberate deception—in which the falsifier well knows that he is falsifying—about people, about principles, about products—for any motive whatsoever—for power or profit or for any purpose. Scripture records many harsh things concerning the falsifier, things that would sometime be well to cite—in a day when so much and so many seem so dedicated to misleading the minds of men—in a day when the war of words is so fiercely fought. "Truth," said Mark Twain, "is the most valuable thing we have. . . ."[2] "Do not let us lie at all," wrote John Ruskin. "Do not think of one falsity as harmless, and another as slight, and another as unintended. Cast them all aside; they may be light and accidental, but . . . it is better that our hearts should be swept clean of them. . . ."[3] "Nothing gives such a blow to friendship," wrote William Hazlitt, "as detecting another in an untruth. It strikes at the root of our confidence ever after."[4] Falsehood causes sorrow, heartbreak, anguish, mistakes, waste, misguided lives. It is a thing of the devil himself who is the father of darkness and lies from the beginning. And truth does not always seem to fare well in every encounter. Certainly it is not always seen or known or believed or accepted, so great is the power of deception and deceit. But let those who have been wronged, deceived, defrauded, injured, misguided, misled, be sustained and strengthened by this assurance, as Oliver Wendell Holmes has said it: "Truth is tough. It will not break, like a bubble, at a touch. . . ."[5] Truth is tough. It will emerge and it will triumph. It would seem almost that Shakespeare was replying to Pilate with another question when he asked: "Is not the truth the truth?"[6]

[1]John 18:38.
[2]Mark Twain, *Pudd'nhead Wilson's Calendar.*
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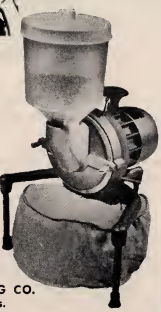
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THE SPOKEN WORD

Last week we talked to Pilate's question, "What is truth?"[1] and closed with a question from Shakespeare, which seemed in essence to be an answer: "Is not the truth the truth?"[2] We have talked of truth in books, the truth of what we read, and would turn now a moment to the truth of what we hear, the truth of what we say. Truth or untruth is not always altogether a matter of literal language, but often of implication, of inflection, of innuendo, of subtle suggestion. A clever person intent on being untruthful can give a false impression, even when his literal words can little be called into question. This could, perhaps, be called the inner untruth, the untruth of intent. Related closely to this question, Carlyle commented concerning eloquence and oratory—and it would apply in principle to any utterance, public or private: "What has been done," he asked, "by rushing after fine speech! . . . I want you to study Demosthenes, and to know all his excellences. At the same time, I must say that . . . he advised next to nothing that proved practicable; much of the reverse. Why tell me that a man is a fine speaker, if it is not the truth that he is speaking? . . . For, if a 'good speaker' . . . is not speaking the truth . . . but the untruth . . . is there a more horrid kind of object in creation? . . . Really it is not the speech, but the thing spoken, that I am anxious about! I really care very little how the man said it provided I understand him and it be true. . . ."[3] "Beware of Affectation in Speech," wrote William Penn. "It often wrongs Matter, and ever shows a blind side."[4] "Truth," said another source, "is the secret of eloquence and of virtue, the basis of moral authority; it is the highest summit of art and life."[5] "It is sophistry," wrote a distinguished living American, "to pretend that in a free country a man has some sort of inalienable or constitutional right to deceive his fellow men. . . . It may be inexpedient to arraign every public liar, as we try to arraign other swindlers. . . . But, in principle, there can be no immunity for lying in any of its . . . forms."[6] Technical "truth" coupled with the untruth of intent often seeks to deceive without seeming to deceive. But deceit is punishable in the court of conscience, where all things are accounted for, no matter how clever a man may be in his way with words. To close with a line from Leviticus: "Neither lie one to another."[7]

[1]John 18:38.
[2]Shakespeare, *I Henry IV*, act ii., sc. 4.
[3]Carlyle, *Inaugural Address.*
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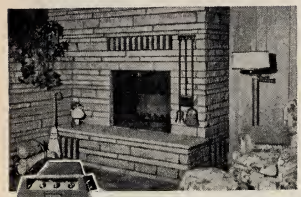
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Land of the Savior

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superstitions greeted the frequent deaths caused by these conditions. Of course, a funeral required paid mourners to enliven the procedures.[13] And certain signs, it was believed, indicated the reason for death. For instance, death after one day's illness was termed "that of rejection," after two days "that of despair," after four "that of reproof," and after five days of illness death was considered to be natural. To die with a happy smile, or with a bright countenance, or looking upward was a good omen; to look downward, seem disturbed, to weep, or even to turn to the wall were evil signs.[14]

However, the customs known by Jesus were not all somber judgments, to be sure. One observance made it a rule for a person leaving a household to touch a piece of folded parchment attached to the doorpost, and then he touched his lips with the same finger. The parchment bore these words from Deuteronomy 6:4-5:

"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord:

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

These verses were called the "*Shema*" because "*Shema*" is a Hebrew word for "hear" or "listen," which these verses begin. The custom follows the commandment given in Deuteronomy 6:9.[15]

Also, the custom of wearing a veil for the wedding ceremony was and had for many decades been observed at the time of Jesus. Marriage festivities lasted a week as a rule, while the "bridal days" extended over a full month.[16]

Education among the Jews consisted almost entirely of home apprenticeships with the parents as task-masters, except that a few private schools were conducted by the rabbi at the synagogues. These perhaps utilized parchment records of rules and law interpretations to supplement the scriptures.[17] Many beliefs and superstitions were entertained which governed the choice of a profession. As an example, one ancient writer, Abba Gurjan of Zadjan, said:

"Let not a man bring up his son to be a donkey-driver, nor a camel-driver, nor a barber nor a sailor, nor a shepherd, nor a pedlar; for their occupations are those of thieves."

Rabbi Jehudah said:

"Donkey-drivers are mostly wicked; camel-drivers mostly honest; sailors mostly pious; the best among physicians is for Gehenna, and the most honest of butchers a companion of Amelek."[18]

One essential to understanding the cultural background of the Savior is an understanding of the communication facilities which he used. At the time of the Savior six main arteries of commerce had Caesarea and Jerusalem as their objectives; these were, respectively, the military and the religious capitals of Judea. These roads lay only along the principal lines of communication, but a large number of secondary roads also

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BY MILDRED GOFF

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Replenishing
The hidden, curled,
And secret fountains
Of the world.

traversed the country in all directions. Many rules governed the use and care of the roads. The Romans saw to it that while the country roads were chiefly bridle paths, the military roads were paved and provided with milestones. An ancient writing, the *Baba Kama*, states that the roads were repaired each spring; that no subterranean structure could be built beneath a road, and that no projection could be allowed to hang over a road. Those who allowed obstructions to remain in the roads were liable for any damage they might cause. Three kinds of vehicles are mentioned in the contemporary juridical tractates *Baba Kama* and *Baba Bathra;* they are a round carriage like the gig of a few decades ago, an "elongated," and a car constructed for the transport of goods. Of course it can be seen that travel in those days was not comfortable nor easy.[19]

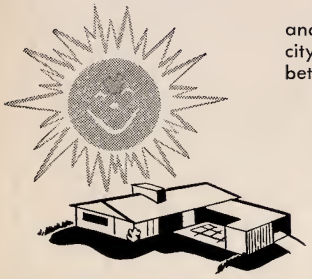
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was probably the same as is ours today—that of materialism. Of course there were many wealthy people, and naturally many of them had attached themselves to material values to the extent that they lost all spiritual perspective; in the same manner, many of the poor lost their better characters by struggling too hard to gain material to escape from poverty.[20] The Sadducees priestly clique who were in control of the temple were turning to their own gain even the piety of the people. They had abandoned any religious idea of Israel's vocation, and any thought of winning the world for Jehovah. The official atmosphere could will only destruction of the ideas of anyone who might suggest national repentance.[21] Jesus grew up in a world opposed to Rome on the one hand and expectant of its own belicose savior on the other. The Pharisees and Scribes hated Rome with great fervor, and they hoped for a Messiah whose prowess would bring them to world power. Jesus was not a nationalist; and it presented a major difficulty to the Jews wishing to accept Jesus' doctrine that it was not nationalistic as they had expected that it would be.[23]

Jesus' cosmopolitan background prepared him well to meet his many difficult problems. It is axiomatic that without it he could not have evinced a doctrine so completely applicable to all of mankind. Unique circumstances fostered the growth of Christ and Christianity from the outset. God converged three currents of history at the immortal manger of Bethlehem: a Jewish maiden was there under the requirements of Roman law; the story of her marvelous child was destined to be related in the language of the Greeks. These three cultures each extended a gift to the Savior and to his kingdom which has proved far more durable than could be any gift of the Magi. The Jew laid out gifts from the wealth of his religious history and consciousness; the Greek brought an expressive language and trained intellect; and the Roman presented an organized world.[24]



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Jesus also walked east of the Jordan, although we know little of the actual places he visited during his Perean ministry. John merely says, "But he escaped out of their hand,

"And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John first baptized; and there he abode."

In Perea he spent some time teaching the gospel and healing the sick before making his final journey to Jerusalem.

A person who extends his visit in Jordan may want to spend a day or more east of the Jordan, possibly to visit the fabulous, ancient, rose-red city of Petra, carved out of the solid rock, or Amman, the present capitol of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Amman was the ancient Greek Philadelphia, and here are many interesting archaeological sites. He may visit the ruins of Jerash, another of the cities of the Decapolis, or go by jeep to the top of Mt. Nebo, from which summit Moses looked over the Promised Land.

Crossing "no man's land" from Jordan into Israel through the Mandelbaum Gate is an interesting and somewhat frightening experience. This strip of deserted land, varying in width from a narrow street to several hundred yards, was shot up and bombed during the hostilities. Residents on both sides of the line are careful to stay out of it. Arab boys will carry your suitcases part way across this area, collect their tips, and scurry back to the safety of their country. The rest of the way you are your own porter.

Taxi or bus to Tel Aviv on the coast is very reasonable, and from there one can join regular tours or hire an auto with driver, or a drive-it-yourself car. The Sea of Galilee is less than seventy-five miles to the northeast, and all the way one can see many evidences of how the Jewish people, returning to their former home, are making their country blossom. We were interested in learning that some fifty-seven languages are spoken in this little country by these people who have returned to it from many parts of the world.

The area around the Sea of Galilee has probably undergone few changes since Christ's time. If anything, there are fewer cities and a much smaller population now than there was then. For one wishing to stay overnight, suitable hotel accommodations can be had at Tiberias on the southwest coast or at Safat (TseFat), a few miles away on top of cool Mt. Canaan.

At the Sea of Galilee one can truly get the feeling that he is indeed walking in the footsteps of the Savior. The ruins of the city of Capernaum on the north shore are close to the water, which would seem to indicate that the level of the lake probably has changed little since the time of our Lord. Here one can walk on the shore where the fishermen must have docked their boats, where they dried and mended their nets, and where they brought in their catches; where the Savior taught and where he appeared after his resurrection. The Gospels tell us that the Savior crossed this

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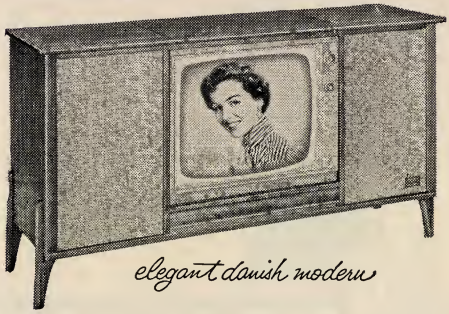
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body of water a number of times. Here he walked on the surface of the lake, and here he stilled the storm which threatened to capsize the vessel in which he and the apostles were traveling. Somewhere in this area Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount and performed the miracles of the loaves and the fishes.

Up in the tops of the hills of Galilee, about fifteen miles west and a little south of the Sea of Galilee and 1,100 feet above sea level, is the city of Nazareth, where as far as we know, the Savior spent most of the thirty years of his life before he started his ministry. One site in the city which seems to be quite authentic is Mary's Well, where the mother of the Savior of the world, and possibly her Son during his early years, daily came to get water to take care of their household needs.

Some five miles away is Cana, where at the wedding feast the Savior performed his first recorded miracle of turning water into wine.

In this area, as is the case throughout Palestine, are many places of interest which date back to Old Testament times. South of Nazareth stretches the plain of Armageddon or Esdraelon, the noted battlefield. Armies of the Egyptians, the Hittites, the Syrians, the Philistines, the Middonites, the Israelites, the Assyrians, the Greeks, the Romans, the Crusaders, the Turks, the British, and lastly the Jews and the Arabs have fought here. Here is the setting for that final battle of mankind as predicted by John in the sixteenth chapter of Revelation. Jesus could look upon it daily from Nazareth. He must have walked across it many times.

Telling of a recent trip he made to the Holy Land* Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve said:

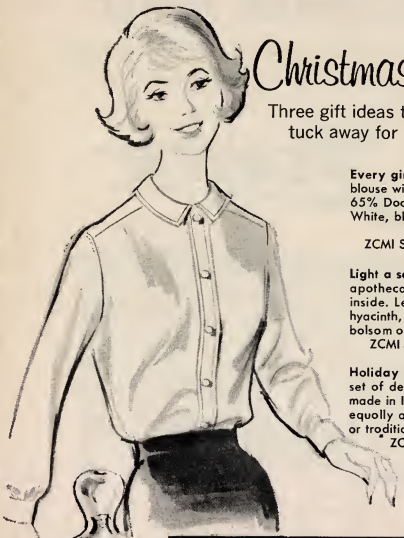
"To visit the places where such momentous happenings affected the eternities of us all was most interesting and intriguing and added color to our picture, but we did not need to walk through the Holy Land to know eternal truth.

"We realized it is not so important to know whether Mt. Hermon or Mt. Tabor was the transfiguration place but to know that on the summit of a high mountain was held a great conference of mortal and immortal beings where unspeakable things were said and authoritative keys were delivered and approval was given of the life and works of his only Begotten Son when the voice of the Father in the overshadowing cloud said: 'This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' (Matt. 17:5.)

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There Laid They Jesus

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mind, loving hands lowering the body, carrying it to the garden, wrapping it in linen cloths, hurriedly, because of the Jewish Sabbath approaching, and tenderly and lovingly placing it in the tomb which had been hastily extended in length to accommodate it.

We have thought we could hear Mary say to the person she supposed to be the gardener, "Sir, if thou hast borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away." Tears have come into our eyes as we have pictured Jesus saying to her, "Mary!" and of her recognizing him and realizing that he had in very deed risen from the dead. (See John 20:11-18.)

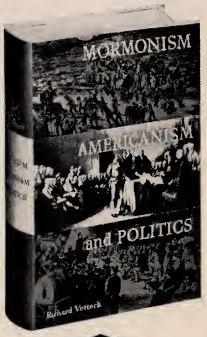
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Blessed Are They

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world then stood following his resurrection. He said to the multitudes to whom he was speaking, to all of those on this continent:

"Behold, I am Jesus Christ the Son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. I was with the Father from the beginning. I am in the Father, and the Father in me; and in me hath the Father glorified his name.

"I came unto my own, and my own received me not. And the scriptures concerning my coming are fulfilled.

"And as many as have received me, to them have I given to become the sons of God; and even so will I to as many as shall believe on my name, for behold, by me redemption cometh, and in me is the law of Moses fulfilled.

"I am the light and the life of the world. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. . . .

"Behold, I have come unto the world to bring redemption unto the world, to save the world from sin." (3 Nephi 9:15-18, 21.)

During the crucifixion the veil of the temple was rent, the veil in the temple that cut off the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies thus making clear as we understand, that the Law of Moses was in force no more. At that time it is said there was an earthquake and the graves were opened, and after the resurrection, many came forth from their graves and visited in the city.

Pilate had tried to preserve the life of the Lord. Six times he had gone to the multitude and asked them to consent to his releasing the Lord and six times they had refused. His wife had told him that she had had a dream and she urged him to do nothing to hurt this righteous man. He had said to them at the last, "Behold the man," and they called out to him, "Crucify." He had tried to have them release Christ to them in place of another prisoner, Barabbas, seemingly a political prisoner. He finally surrendered the Christ to them in charge of his soldiers, and they went to Golgotha to crucify him. As a last testimony of his own feelings, he had washed his hands before them, declaring, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see ye to it." And the people answered: "His blood be on us, and on our children." (Matt. 27.)

Pilate ordered that a title be placed on the cross written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, "The King of the Jews." He flatly refused to have the title either changed or removed.

Jesus was to have carried his own cross, but he was too weak. For twenty-four hours he had been under the great strain that was incident to this great sacrifice which he was to offer.

As he came to the place of crucifixion, they offered him a drink of vinegar and gall, an opiate. He refused it. He then went on to the crucifixion.

Having in mind the modesty which I am sure attached to him and recalling the experience of Peter on the lakeshore, how offensive it must have been when they stripped Jesus naked, and, then laying the cross on the ground, they laid him upon the cross—the crosspiece under his shoulders—a peg protruding from the upright beam, which he straddled to support his body. They first nailed his hands and then his feet. Then as the next step in this, the cruelest death of which the ancients knew, they raised the cross and let it drop with a jolt into the pit which was dug to contain it, causing the one crucified to suffer excruciating agony.

The first words which the Savior uttered after the cross had been raised were, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34.) And these modern revisers tell us that that should not be in the Book, yet there is no other sentiment more lofty, more filled with divine love than this.

Then, having said this, the soldiers divided his clothes among them, pursuant to prophecy, and the multitude jeered and mocked him and said to him, "You have saved others, now save yourself." They scorned him.

The next that was said resulted from the colloquy between the Savior and the thieves who were one on each side of him, one cursing him, the other asking for mercy, and to that one who asked for mercy, he said, "To day shalt thou be with me in paradise." (*Ibid.*, 23:43.)

I have always thought it was a curious thing that the record contained no mention of any of the apostles except John being at the crucifixion. The mother of Jesus and the other women were there, but seemingly no man but John faced the ordeal with him. Then came the next statement, as looking down into the multitude before him, he saw his mother, and he saw John, and he said, "Woman, behold thy son!" And to John, "Behold thy mother!" (John 19:26-27.)

Then at this period apparently the darkness came and lasted from the sixth to the ninth hour. He was crucified the third hour, which was about nine o'clock. In the western world the darkness lasted for three days, seemingly disappearing the morning of the resurrection.

Following the coming of the darkness came from him that great utterance recorded in the Psalms, and may I suggest to you that you will find interest in reading the twenty-second, twenty-third, and twenty-fourth Psalms, known as the "Messianic Psalms," the expression that has been with men since David wrote it: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46.) The darkness had fallen.

The next expression was, "I thirst," (John 19:28) and those about said, "Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him." (Matt. 27:49.) But the soldiers dipped some hyssop (a fragrant, pungent shrub) in some vinegar and put it to his mouth.

Then next, as I would arrange the order, came the cry, "It is finished," (John 19:30) and then the final expression, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46.) Then as the record goes, he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.

My brothers and sisters, I bear my witness that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God, who came to earth in accordance with the divine plan mapped out in the Great Council of heaven, to atone for the fall of Adam.

I bear my witness that he lived, he moved, he performed his mission here. I bear my witness that he died, was crucified, and that thereafter, on the morning of the third day he was resurrected, thus bringing to every mortal born on this earth the blessing of the resurrection, the re-uniting of the body to the spirit.

I bear my witness that he was the first fruits of the resurrection and that even as he was resurrected, so in the due time of the Lord each of us will be resurrected.

I bear my witness that the priesthood was taken away from the earth and that it was restored in this, the beginning of the last dispensation and was conferred upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, and from them has descended to us. I bear my witness that every President of the Church, from then till now, has had the same powers, and the same keys that were conferred upon the Prophet Joseph.

God bless us all and help us to build up our testimony, increase our knowledge to the end that all of us may not only be resurrected—we pay nothing for that boon—but that all of us may so live that we may also be exalted in the kingdom of God. This I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.



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Joseph Smith's Contributions

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said: I will send the first.

"And the second was angry, and kept not his first estate; and, at that day, many followed after him." (Abraham 3:22, 24-25, 27-28.)

According to these same ancient documents the gospel was taught unto Adam who knew of Jesus Christ and looked forward to his coming as did those who came after him. In the early writings of the Prophet Moses, we find this passage:

". . . in the language of Adam, Man of Holiness is his name, and the name of his Only Begotten is the Son of Man, even Jesus Christ, a righteous Judge, who shall come in the meridian of time." (Moses 6:57.)

In the same record we read:

"And, behold, Enoch saw the day of the coming of the Son of Man, even in the flesh; and his soul rejoiced, saying: The Righteous is lifted up, and the Lamb is slain from the foundation of the world." (*Ibid.*, 7:47.)

Two thousand years before Christ was born in the flesh in Bethlehem he announced to an ancient American prophet:

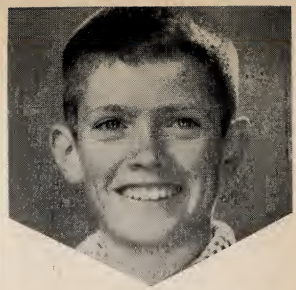
". . . I am he who was prepared from the foundation of the world to redeem my people. Behold I am Jesus Christ. . . . In me shall all mankind have light; and that eternally, even they who shall believe on my name; and they shall become my sons and my daughters." (Ether 3:14.)

The entire Book of Mormon is dedicated to the task of convincing all mankind "that Jesus is the Christ the son of the Living God."

In the light of these scriptures Jesus of Nazareth appears in a far greater role than merely a teacher of men. His words, as recorded in the Gospel of John, take on new and vital meaning, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

"And whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die." (John 11:25-26.)

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Censoring the Joseph Smith Story

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quote a passage from Orson Hyde:

"Some one may say 'If this work of the last days be true, *why did not the Savior come himself* and communicate this intelligence to the world?' *Because to the angels was committed the power* of reaping the earth, and it was committed to *none else.*" (*JD,* 6:355.)

Again they have pulled the same stunt, underlining the words that would make it appear that Jesus does not come at all, while what the author actually says is that he did not come "to the world," which is exactly the point that Brigham Young was making: Jesus Christ did not make a public appearance in glory; he did not personally circulate among men, but sent his angels for the reaping and the gathering. The preaching of the gospel and the reaping of the harvest, of which Brother Hyde is speaking, is one aspect of the work of this dispensation, under the direction of the angels; the visit of the Father and the Son is another and totally different aspect; there is no conflict whatever between the two great events, but Orson Hyde is speaking only of the preaching and the gathering, and what he says is perfectly correct.

Having with great fanfare fired off these two duds, the experts now bring their atomic cannon into play. The Great Discovery is a quotation from the *History of Joseph Smith* as published in the *Deseret News* of May 29, 1852:

"This afternoon, Erastus Holmes, of Newbury, Ohio, called on me to inquire about the establishment of the church, and to be instructed in doctrine more perfectly. I gave him a brief relation of my experience while in my juvenile years, say from six years old up to the time I received the *first visitation of angels,*



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which was when I was about *fourteen years old;* also the revelations that I received *afterwards* concerning the Book of Mormon, and a short account of the rise and progress of the church up to this date."

The discoverers of this passage have been at pains to underline the parts of it which make it clear that the Prophet *is* speaking of the first vision and nothing else. They have *not,* however, taken pains to point out that the date of this interview is Saturday, October 14, 1835—which makes a hash of the prevailing Party Line that Joseph Smith invented all his vision stories in Nauvoo some years later. This date of 1835 leads desperate contrivers to cry forgery, surmising that the date was slyly interpolated into the *Deseret News* account. But here we have an excellent control, for if the editors of the paper were free to invent stories and dates to suit their fancy, it is hardly conceivable that they would run the risk of a misunderstanding by using the ambiguous term "angels" when for many years it had been uniformly taught by the Church that the two visitors were the Father and the Son. The peculiarity of the language vouches for the authenticity of the story.

Nor have our searchers bothered to note that exactly one week previous to his interview with Holmes, Joseph Smith had another visitor, as reported in the *Deseret News* just two weeks before the above item appeared:

"I was this morning introduced to a man from the east. After hearing my name he remarked that I was nothing but a man, indicating by that expression, that he had supposed that a person to whom the Lord should see fit to reveal his will, must be something more than a man. . . . And indeed, such is the darkness and ignorance of this generation, that they look upon it as incredible that a man should have any intercourse with his Maker."[83]

Since all Christians have always believed that a man can have intercourse with his Maker through prayer, meditation, or mystical experiences, it must have been something very different to which the Prophet and his visitor were alluding. As we have noted, Joseph Smith did not choose to discuss these matters; indeed, he told Erastus Holmes very briefly of his

"juvenile years . . . *up to* the time I received the first visitation of angels," resuming again with "the revelations that I received afterwards concerning the Book of Mormon. . . ." This could mean, and seems to imply, that he actually skipped the part about his first vision.

But to return to our shrewd discoverers. "This statement of Joseph Smith," they triumphantly announce, "refutes the teaching that the Father and the Son appeared to him in the first vision of 1820. . . ." Refutes it? Does he say that the Father and Son did *not* appear to him? That would be a refutation. Does he say who the angels were, or how many?

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If our experts had taken the trouble to consult a good dictionary, they would have made another startling discovery, namely that an angel is "1. A ministering spirit or divine messenger. . . . 2. *Any* messenger of God, as a prophet, or preacher. . . . 3. A messenger generally. . . ." (Oxford Dictionary.) The word *angel* in English has "acquired a special meaning, particularly in the singular, as the designation of a supernatural bearer of a divine revelation. The transition was then easy to the sense of a generic name for the beings of the heavenly world. . . ."[84] That is to say, *any* heavenly being is properly an angel. Messrs. Schaff and Herzog spare us the trouble of a long excursion into the *Patrologia* by admitting, though reluctantly, that it was "assumed by the Greek Fathers, the older Lutheran dogmaticians, and Hengstenberg" that Jesus Christ, the Logos, was an angel, and that in the Bible "the distinction between the angel and Yahweh does not hinder from making

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the angel speak as Yahweh or from speaking of the angel as Yahweh," that is to say, Jehovah himself in his capacity of a messenger to men is an angel, just as, in the same capacity but in an evil sense, "Satan . . . is reckoned among the angels."[84] Even Elohim, when he visits the earth, has been called an angel.[85] Not to labor the point, it is perfectly correct usage to refer to *any* heavenly visitor as an angel. So when Joseph Smith, reviewing the past in "a brief relation" to a stranger, passes over the first vision as his "first visitation of angels" he is being both correct and evasive. Remember that this was some years before he was finally "induced" to come out with a public statement about the first vision; but all the time the story is there.

Since these articles began to appear in the Era, the writer has been drenched by a steady drizzle of letters from people who seem to make an avocation of searching for anything that might be interpreted as an inconsistency in the record. There is something comical in these laborious attempts to prove a negative and override living revelation by exploiting—while ignoring—the first principle of textual criticism. That principle (only too well known to the conscientious genealogist) is, that *no* written record of any length is free of serious errors. "The reader of a written document," the greatest living authority on documents has said, "never perceives more than a shadow of reality."

The sources of LDS church history, like all human chronicles, bristle with errors; the only way of approximating certitude is to check them against one another. If among a hundred fairly consistent reports of the first vision story three or four differ radically, that is simply to be expected; their existence does not discredit the consensus. And where such intimate and personal things as unique revelations to individuals are concerned it would be very strange indeed if wild aberrations and wide discrepancies did not appear in the reports. We know the policy of the early leaders regarding the reporting of revelations. A favorite theme of Brigham Young's was the tangible, personal nature of God, which he *never* illustrates by any mention of the first vision. Why not? He has explained at length:

> . . . that man who cannot know things without telling any other living being upon the earth, who cannot keep his secrets and those that God reveals to him, never can receive the voice of his Lord. . . . Should you receive a vision of revelation from the Almighty . . . you should shut it up and seal it as close, and lock it as tight as heaven is to you, and make it as secret as the grave. The Lord has no confidence in those who reveal secrets, for he cannot safely reveal Himself to such persons. . . . If a person understands God . . . and the Lord reveals anything to that individual no matter what, unless he gives permission to disclose it, it is locked up in eternal silence." (JD, 4:287f.)

The youthful and impulsive Joseph Smith was sometimes lax in this regard, and we all know how terribly he suffered for it in the case of the 116 pages. When he told a minister of the first vision, it only made trouble. Did he later deliberately disguise important revelations to keep them from the world? The code names occasionally used in the Doctrine and Covenants to designate persons and things show that (speaking by revelation) he did. If William Smith and Oliver Cowdery give confusing accounts of the first vision, we must remember that the Prophet knew from the first that those men were not to be trusted with too much information. The vanity and ambition of Cowdery were rebuked as early as 1829 (D&C 9), and George Albert Smith, Sr. commenting on "the conduct of William Smith in the days of Joseph and afterwards," describes it as a

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FOR KATHY

BY ELEANOR ALLETTA CHAFFEE

Why aren't you asleep?
You've had your warm milk,
Your story of castles,
The princess in silk.
Your toes have been counted,
Your songs have been sung;
Across snowy sheets
Your blanket is flung.
Why aren't you asleep?
Because like small birds
I wanted again
Your wonderful words. . . .

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campaign "to annihilate and destroy the principles which the Prophet taught to the nations of the earth." (JD 5:101f.) Were such men to be trusted with a full account of the first vision before it was officially given to the world?

Constantly beset by the designing and over-curious, Joseph Smith was often obliged to put his questioners off, just as the Lord himself did. Whether it was the sly schoolmen ever striving to catch him in a contradiction or his earnest disciples seeking to know the mysteries, Jesus would put them off, sometimes with a flat rebuke, sometimes with half-answers, but most often with words of hidden meaning: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" As a result, people were constantly puzzled and offended by what he taught them—his disciples wrangled, and the public rioted. The trouble was, as Brigham Young often points out, that Christ was speaking of the things of eternity to people wholly in thrall to the things of this world. It was utterly impossible to understand the Son without the spirit of revelation from the Father. Once one has that spirit, the truth of things is made clear no matter how deplorable the state of the documents may be; without it, all the "scholarship" in the world is of no avail to determine what really happened.

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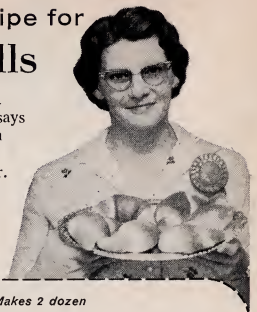
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We love peace, as we abhor pusillanimity; but not peace at any price. There is a peace more destructive of the manhood of living man war is destructive of his material body. Chains are worse than bayonets.

—Douglas Jerrold

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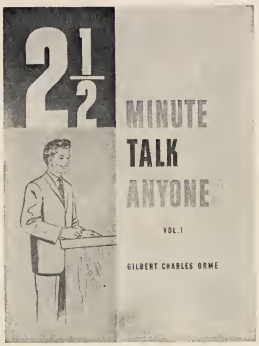
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¼ cup sugar
¾ teaspoon salt
¼ cup very warm water
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3 cups sifted flour (about)

Scald milk; stir in sugar and salt; cool to lukewarm. Measure very warm water into large bowl. Sprinkle or crumble in Fleischmann's Yeast; stir to dissolve. Stir in lukewarm milk mixture, Planters Peanut Oil and 1½ cups sifted flour; beat until smooth. Stir in remaining flour to make soft dough. Turn onto lightly floured board; knead until smooth, about 8 minutes. Place in greased bowl; turn once to grease top. Cover; let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Punch dough down; divide in half. Roll each piece into 12-inch circle. Cut into 12 pie-shaped pieces. Roll up from rounded edge. Place on greased baking sheet, point underneath. Cover; let rise in warm place until doubled, about 45 minutes. Bake at 425°F. 12-15 minutes until golden brown. Brush with melted margarine.



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By way of reorientation, it is suggested that the following and related questions be made the topic of discussion in one or more monthly quorum meetings.

What is the greatest and most important duty resting upon the Church?

Joseph Smith said: "After all that has been said, the greatest and most important duty is to preach the gospel." (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p. 113.)

What gospel do we preach?

"The everlasting gospel" (Rev. 14:6-7), the same enjoyed by Adam, received by the patriarchs and prophets of old, preached by Peter and Paul and the apostles and prophets on both continents.

It is "the gospel of Christ," and "though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Gal. 1:7-8.)

How much is this gospel worth?

It is the "pearl of great price," "the treasure hid in a field," which exceeds in worth all of a man's earthly possessions. (Matt. 13:44-46.) It is the sole source whereby salvation may be won, and "what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37.)

Who is to preach the gospel?

President David O. McKay said: "Every member a missionary."

The Lord said: ". . . it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbor." (D&C 88:81.)

Have we agreed to respond to these preaching calls?

In a most solemn manner, by covenant, in the waters of baptism, we promised the Lord: ". . . to stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places that" we "may be in, even until death. . . ." (Mosiah 18:9.)

Do those holding the priesthood have any special obligation to respond to calls to preach the gospel?

". . . ye elders of my church, . . . ye shall go forth

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD

THE MIRACLE OF THE MILLION MISSIONARIES



in the power of my Spirit, preaching my gospel, two by two, in my name, lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trump, declaring my word like unto angels of God." (D&C 42:1, 6.)

As a young man of missionary age, shall I go to school, into the armed service, get a job, or go on a mission?

". . . the thing which will be of most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people, that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my Father." (*Ibid.*, 15:6.)

To aid in the missionary cause, what should I do?

1. Serve as a full-time missionary, if I can.
2. Go on a stake mission, if I am needed there.
3. Participate in the fellowshiping program and help tie new converts into the Church and its programs.
4. Provide referral names to the stake and full-time missionaries.
5. Open my home for share-the-gospel cottage meetings and invite my friends to attend them.
6. Tell every person I can about the restored truths.
7. Prepare myself by study and right living for future missionary service.
8. Contribute financially to the support of missionaries who cannot otherwise respond to calls of service.

What should my priesthood quorum do to aid in missionary work?

1. Supply missionaries, both stake and foreign.
2. Provide money for their support, where needed.
3. Teach the gospel so that quorum members will be prepared for missionary service.
4. Encourage all young men to keep the standards of the Church, to be worthy recipients of missionary calls, and actually to go forth in the work.

How shall I prepare for missionary service?

1. "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." (*Ibid.*, 133:5.)
2. "Treasure up in your minds continually the words of life, and it shall be given you in the very hour that portion that shall be meted to every man." (*Ibid.*, 84:85.) "Teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom." (*Ibid.*, 88:77-81.)

Where do we find the doctrines to be taught?

"The elders, priests and teachers of this church shall teach the principles of my gospel, which are in the Bible and the Book of Mormon, in the which is the fulness of the gospel." (*Ibid.*, 42:12.)

By what power is the gospel preached?

"All are to preach the gospel, by the power and influence of the Holy Ghost; and no man can preach the gospel without the Holy Ghost." (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p. 112.) Such is the standing instruction of the Prophet Joseph Smith. "And the Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith," the Lord himself said, "and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach." (D&C 42:14.)

Can I convert someone to the Church?

With the help of the (*Continued on page* 882)

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC'S PAGE



THE PRIEST AND HIS AUTOMOBILE



One cannot view the automobile parking lot of an average American high school and not wonder what effect this volcanic surge of teen-age automobiles is having upon our young priests in the Aaronic Priesthood. Leisurely walking through this parking lot we observe all shapes, sizes, colors, models, and vintages of automobiles—some with custom design while others are unpretentious "stripped down" models.

Is this automobile ownership making our young men more responsible citizens? Does this mobility give them more time for study and research? Does it teach them thrift by requiring more thorough budgeting practices? How can we evaluate social entanglements the car creates? Does it have an effect on a young man's sense of value and attitude? What effect does this "horsepower age" have on the young man and his goal to be a future missionary?

Of course, not all young people of senior high school age are automobile owners. Many only occasionally drive the family auto. Many others, because of parental control, do not drive an automobile to school and are limited in its use except for special occasions.

It is a well-established fact among insurance companies that the rate of accidents among young drivers is much higher, and some insurance companies maintain that accidents among youth are doubled, compared to that of adult drivers. A significant factor established by a recent survey is that accidents occur among most of the young drivers, which tend to eliminate the assumption that only a few reckless, irresponsible boys are causing most accidents.

Student-driver-education courses are doing a royal job in helping the youth acquire skill and knowledge of driving regulations. Unfortunately, knowledge alone does not protect a young man from the sundry hazards encountered while driving. Speed has been designated as a maimer and killer, yet this knowledge is valueless unless it is used to control our speed. Most young drivers contend they are as cautious as adult drivers, yet their practices demonstrate that they do not consider speed as an element of carefulness.

Other surveys show a direct relationship between a young man's grades on his report card and the frequent use of the automobile. It is apparent that many young men with outstanding abilities are sacrificing good grades for the thrill of the automobile. Evidences of the automobile influences in exterminating study habits are so conclusive that a direct parallel can be drawn to show that the longer a car is used by the youth the lower his grades. By projecting this condition it would seem realistic to say that the more use of automobiles would bring about fewer future

doctors, fewer future lawyers, fewer future engineers, or even fewer college graduates in a time when technical knowledge is essential.

Is the early ownership and use of an automobile worth sacrificing future goals in life? How can our young men adequately proclaim the restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ if their interests are diverted from study and the developing of their talents and powers of persuasion? Teenage use of automobiles forces some young men to accept employment on Sunday, and this employment takes them out of their Aaronic Priesthood work and out of their spiritual development in order to support their automobiles. Teenage ownership of automobiles stimulates early dating, going steady, and early marriage which muddles life's goals, prevents missionary service, and demands young people to accept domestic responsibilities prematurely. Some young men are restricted from driving automobiles during their missionary service because of undesirable driving habits acquired before entering the mission field which resulted in citations.

Most parents make certain that their children brush their teeth, eat the right foods, and receive the proper amount of rest. They do this because they love them, and because they know what is best for them. Shouldn't we love our teenage children sufficiently to exercise proper control over their driving and dating habits? Youth want and expect parental control and become flustered and insecure when they are abandoned to their own whims.

Our Heavenly Father wants his young men to grow up filled with wisdom, filled with knowledge, and possessing desires to serve him in establishing his kingdom. Like the battle that was lost because of the lack of a horseshoe nail, we cannot permit our youth to lose the battle for education, the battle of developing skills in a trade, the battle of helping to establish his kingdom as a missionary, the battle of participating in temple marriage at the proper time, and the battle of winning the war of success, happiness, and eternal life all because of an automobile too soon and unrestricted. Parents should wisely regulate the use of the automobile.

WARD TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS

The approach of the Christmas season brings an increase in activities and demands upon our time and energy. This surge of activity is felt not only by the businessman, who is busily preparing and displaying added quantities of merchandise, but also by the children in the family who are almost swept away by the hurry-scurry that seems to possess us during this season of glad tidings.

Many things must be accomplished in preparation for the ritual of opening our presents around the Christmas tree. There are cakes and cookies to be baked, candy to be made, endless shopping trips, packages to be mailed, the selection of the Christmas tree whose ornamentation must be done with masterful skill. There are also parties to attend—parties of all shapes, sizes, and colors—club parties, civic parties, company parties, church parties, family parties, and neighborhood parties. A day must be sandwiched for the housecleaning chores and for the selecting, addressing, and mailing of greeting cards.

Admittedly the strain of these details distract and sometimes build a smoke screen over our consciousness of the primary purpose of Christmas—the birth of Jesus Christ. Our Christmas customs have evolved by our extracting items from many times and periods in history. They descend to us from seasonal celebrations, paganistic rituals, religious and national practices, garnished with tradition and legend.

What can we do to practice as well as understand the paramount purpose of Christmas? What can we do to make Christmas less commercial? Can one express true appreciation for the birth of Jesus Christ in a material way as well as spiritual? Does our practice of giving gifts convey a spiritual significance? To answer these questions perhaps we should relate the comments of a mother to her son and daughter that all of us might realize the purpose for which we celebrate this day.

This mother recently told her son and daughter, "The most desirable Christmas gift you can ever give to me is not that of a fur coat or, for that matter, any expression with a commercial gift. Each Christmas as I look at you and can see the evidence of clean living and a life dedicated to keeping our Father's commandments, the gratitude that I have in my heart far exceeds the riches of the world. I want you to always remember what King Benjamin told his people, '. . . that ye may learn that when you are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.'" (Mosiah 2:17.)

Allow time to read and study the events leading up to the nativity of Jesus Christ. We must not permit the flood of social demands to strangle the simplicity and significance of the birth of our Lord and Savior, for this is the purpose of Christmas.



is a waiting month

Waiting for its fresh new white apparel ❧ *Waiting for all its abundance to be tucked away in a safe place for the needs to come* ❧ *Waiting for the rush of cold weather activity* ❧ *Waiting for the heart to leap to December's warmth of giving* ❧ *Waiting for people to catch the Spirit of* ❧ *Peace on earth, goodwill toward men* ❧ *Richly stilled, tranquil November is waiting with bated breath for all men to love one another.* ❧ ❧ ❧

TODAY'S FAMILY
FLORENCE B. PINNOCK
EDITOR

This in between, glorious month has many facets. It can be cold and bleak, fields barren and hard and grayly level, gardens a mass of flowerless stocks and leafless twigs — abandoned. But it has memories of a flamboyant October — color running riotous over the mountains and down into the valleys. November's color is tired, zestless, weary until a crisp bright day appears, then the sky is the bluest, the air the clearest, the evergreens the greenest and life appears at its vibrant best. Deep breathing and brisk walks are the order of the day. At the end of these wanderings can come the most wonderful time of all — a blazing fire in the grate, a deep comfortable chair with a footstool just the right height, a bowl of apples, favorite music playing softly, a book waiting to be devoured and a depth of quietness not to be disturbed until sleep cannot be held back. November, subtle, indifferent, brave, with its many disguises, is a priceless dividend.



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There are many things best done in November, lists for Christmas cards all checked and freshly typed ready for the names to be written on the envelopes, decisions made as to what gifts to be given to loved ones, plans for surprise packages to be delivered to those in need, shopping to be done when clerks in stores are fresh and interested, a joyous Thanksgiving to prepare, and goodies to be made and stored carefully in the freezer or sent on their way to friends to be mailed long distances. Christmas cakes head the list.

The making of cakes for the holiday season is an old popular tradition. Many, many years ago, as far back as we can read, fruits were gathered and dried and saved to mix with eggs, sugar, spices, and flour, and baked as a special treat at Christmas time. Fruit cake recipes have been treasured and handed down in families for generations to be used at this holiday season. I would like to give you the five best fruit cake recipes I have been able to collect.

First, a rich, dark, heavily-fruited cake, perfect for a wedding cake or a very special Christmas cake.

Rich, Dark Fruit Cake

1 pound of butter or margarine
2 cups sugar
12 eggs
1½ teaspoons soda
2 teaspoons nutmeg
2 teaspoons cinnamon
4½ cups unsifted flour
⅔ cup molasses
2 packages puffed seeded raisins
1 package currants
1 pound dates, pitted and cut in small pieces
1 pound walnuts
½ pound blanched almonds
½ pound pecans
1 pound candied pineapple
2 cups maraschino cherries

Cream the butter or margarine and the sugar. Add the egg yolks, well beaten, and then the juice from the cherries. Add the soda to the molasses and beat until thick and add to the first mixture. Then add the flour and spices sifted together. Clean and wash the currants and separate the raisins, blanch and split the almonds; cut the cherries and pineapple into pieces and add the dates and mix all the fruit together, and add to the cake batter. Mix thoroughly, then fold in the egg whites, beaten stiff. Bake in one large pan 13 x 9 x 4 inches. Line the pan with 3 layers of greased heavy paper. Bake at 275 degrees F. for 3 hours. Or you may bake the cake in a number of separate loaf tins. This amount will make a ten-pound cake. The advantage of cooking it in one large pan and cutting it into loaves after baking is that there will be less crust, and the flavor is improved. Cool in the pan then remove the paper from the cake. Store carefully.

When you make such a rich cake, it is always good to make a poor man's cake for the children to enjoy during the holidays. Lillian Schwendiman, wife of the president of the New Zealand South Mission, makes a delicious fruit cake for just this purpose.

Poor Man's Fruit Cake

Cook 15 minutes 1 cup seedless raisins, 3 cups water, 2 cups sugar, and ½ cup shortening. Add 1 package of currants. Cool to lukewarm.

4 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 teaspoons nutmeg
2 tablespoons cocoa
1½ teaspoons soda
1 teaspoon boiling water
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup broken walnuts

Beat the eggs well, add the soda that has been dissolved in the 1½ teaspoons boiling water. Fold in the sifted dry ingredients alternately with the cooked fruit and liquid. Fold in the walnuts.

Line the pans with wax paper and grease them well. Bake in a 300 degree F. oven for about an hour and a half. Place pan of water on lower shelf of oven while baking the cake. This amount will make 2 regular sized loaf pans and one small one.

Of the many fine men cooks that I know, Fred E. Curtis makes the best white fruit cake I have ever eaten. During the years while he has been a Scout executive, bishop, a member of a high council, and held many other important church positions, he has always found time to make this delicious cake. He was

most generous in giving us the recipe.

Fred's White Fruit Cake

1½ cups butter or margarine
2 cups sugar
4 cups flour
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
½ teaspoon soda
½ cup sweet milk
12 egg whites, beaten stiff
2 pounds white raisins
½ pound candied pineapple (sliced thin)
¼ pound candied lemon peel (cut in small pieces),
¼ pound candied cherries (leave whole)
¼ pound candied orange peel (cut in small pieces)
½ pound candied citron peel (cut in small pieces)

2½ cups blanched almonds
1 cup shredded coconut

Soak the raisins overnight and dry thoroughly. Mix with other fruit and nuts. Cream the butter with the sugar until very light. Sift the flour and cream of tartar three times. Add to the butter and sugar mixture alternately with the milk to which has been added the soda. Fold in the fruit lightly. Fold the beaten egg whites in last. Prepare four loaf tins by greasing well and lining with greased wax paper. Bake at 275 degrees F. for about 2 hours or until baked when tested. Remove from pans, remove wax paper, and cool. Paint with fruit juice. (Be careful not to use too much and soak.) Wrap in wax paper and then in foil. Fred says he stores his cakes in a stone crock to which he adds a cut apple. Then occasionally he unwraps the cakes and repaints with juice and wraps them again. Keep them in a cool place.

Between a busy Christmas and New Year it is easy to run out of fruit cakes baked in November, and this no bake fruit cake can be easily made to fill this void.

No Bake Fruit Cake

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1 pound graham cracker crumbs

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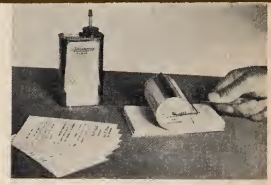
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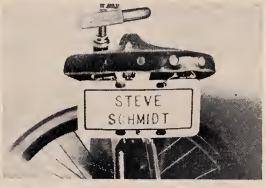
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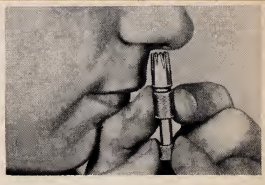
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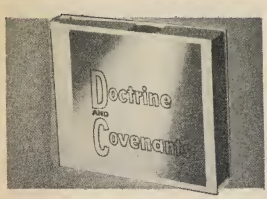
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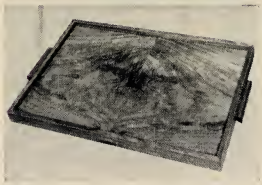
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Applesauce Cake

Cream 1 cup brown sugar (tightly packed) and ½ cup shortening. Mix 2 teaspoons soda with 1½ cups of sweetened applesauce. Sift 2½ cups flour, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, ½ teaspoon cloves, and ½ teaspoon nutmeg. Add sifted ingredients and the applesauce mixture to the creamed sugar and shortening as you would milk and flour in any cake. Add 1 cup raisins, 1 cup nuts. Bake in loaf tins for about 2 hours at 325 degrees F. This cake is good frosted with the following icing if it is to be eaten immediately.

Icing

Put in top of double boiler and beat with rotary beater over hot water:
1 cup brown sugar—packed well
pinch of salt
1 egg white
3 tablespoons water

Cook 3 or 4 minutes until thick and will stand up in peaks. Add vanilla. Cool and frost cake.

For an open house delicacy the rich fruit cake may be baked in small paper cups on a cookie sheet. Bake them at 200 degrees F. for about 40 minutes. These tiny fruit cakes may also be made quickly from packaged fruit cake mix. Glaze the top and decorate with a daisy of almonds.

All fruit cakes seem to take on added glamor with a glaze and decorations on top.

Fruit glaze

½ cup unsweetened pineapple juice
1 cup light corn syrup
dash of salt

Combine the ingredients and bring quicky to the boil. Remove from heat and immediately brush over cooled fruit cakes with a pastry brush. Cinnamon may be added for

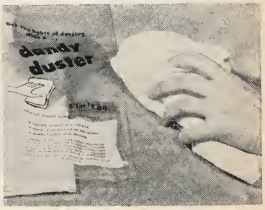
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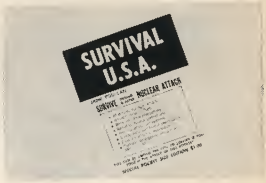
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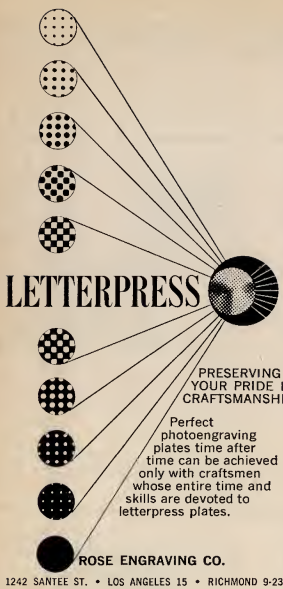
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added flavor. Next decorate the cake with candied fruit and blanched almonds and other nuts. When they are set, brush another coat of the glaze over all. Reheat glaze to boiling each time used. Never wrap the cakes until the glaze is thoroughly dried.

CHRISTMAS CAKE SUGGESTIONS

Don't dry out fruit cake by over baking.

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Remember most fruit cakes are worth their weight in gold so follow directions carefully.

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Don't skimp on ingredients—if you want to save, just make smaller recipes.

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Cool fruit cake in pan, and be sure it is cold before wrapping.

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Store fruit cake in foil or in air-tight containers. Keep in cool place.

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Fruit cakes improve on storing; flavors blend and become more delicious.

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If fruit cakes are wrapped in cloth dipped in fruit juice, be sure the cakes are kept cool so mold does not form.

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Chill fruit cake before slicing, and the slices will be thin and perfect.

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Any of these cakes may be baked as cookies, if a little more flour is added.

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Try serving hot wassail and cheese with thin slices of fruit cake.

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Fruit cake crumbs are good sprinkled over ice cream.

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Fresh-colored gumdrops may be cut thin and take the place of the candied fruit in fruit cake cookies.

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For New Year's Eve garnish a large silver platter of fruit cake with real sprays of holly.

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In compelling man to eat that he may live, nature gives an appetite to invite him, and pleasure to reward him.—Brillant-Savarin

Melchizedek Priesthood

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Lord, yes. Converts, baptisms, new members of the kingdom are available on almost every hand. "Ye shall go forth baptizing with water, saying: Repent ye, repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (*Ibid.*, 42:7.)

After baptism, what?

For the new convert, it is then a matter of learning more of the truth and of living in harmony with the standards of the Church. For those already in the Church, it is a matter of fellowshiping the new member, of providing *immediate* opportunity for church service so that all new converts may become stable and sound members of the kingdom.

What reward comes to the faithful missionary?

"Lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he perisheth not, but bringeth salvation to his soul." (*Ibid.*, 4:4.) "Ye shall be laden with many sheaves, and crowned with honor, and glory, and immortality, and eternal life." (*Ibid.*, 75:5.)

What, then, is the conclusion of the whole matter?

Manifestly, every member of the Church is and should be a missionary—more than a million missionaries! Every member should take every proper opportunity to tell others about the message of the restoration, to refer names to the official missionaries, to support the cause financially, to participate in the share-the-gospel program, to aid in fellowshiping new converts. In such a course there will be peace and joy for this life and a full expectancy of eternal reward in the life to come.

"Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day." (*Ibid.*, 4:2.)

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Rivers of Babylon

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of returning. How foolish of me to have paid him in advance.

Finally, to my great relief, I saw a boat approaching. But it was not my boatman. What was my

astonishment to see Mr. Simon Kincaid stepping from the boat. His astonishment was equally as great.

"Miss Dow, what are you doing here?"

Tears of anger and embarrassment came to my eyes as I told him what had happened.

"If you will wait for me to unload my boat, I will take you home."

The boat was full of apples, pumpkins, potatoes, and other gardenstuffs, and the Mormons were coming down to the shore with baskets and bags to carry it up to camp. I heard people addressing him as "Brother Kincaid" in terms of affection, and then the shocking truth came to me. He was one of them. A Mormon had saved Jeremy's life, had stayed the night in our house, and now, once again, was coming to my aid.

With emotions mixed of astonishment, disappointment, and embarrassment, I stepped into his boat. We floated quietly downstream for some time. Finally he said, "Do you disapprove of my affiliations, Miss Dow?"

"Mr. Kincaid," I said with some difficulty, "it is not for me to approve or disapprove what you do. But you had appeared to me a man with—."

"More sense?"

"Well—yes. I cannot understand why people would let themselves be brought to the state of misery I have seen today to follow a prophet!"

"Joseph Smith was the most simple, human, and wonderful man I ever knew. If you had known him, you would have understood why people were willing to follow him even to death."

"If the Mormons are good people, why are they hated and persecuted?"

"The early Christians suffered for their faith. So did the Pilgrims and other groups. I suppose we make people uncomfortable, and after a while their discomfort turns to hate."

We had reached the landing, and as I stepped ashore, he caught my hand. "Miss Dow," he said impulsively, "I have seen my family and friends turn against me because of my faith. I very much hope—that you will continue to be my friend."

I was touched. "Of course I shall."

Dolly and Jeremy were very much surprised to see me come riding home upon Mr. Kincaid's wagon. They were even more surprised when I told them that I had consented to go riding with him the next day.

Dolly's face still wore a bemused expression as we rode away. She was not accustomed to seeing me go riding with gentlemen.

"Your sister is very pretty," he remarked.

"Yes, people often compare us."

"But your face has character, Miss Dow. I like that."

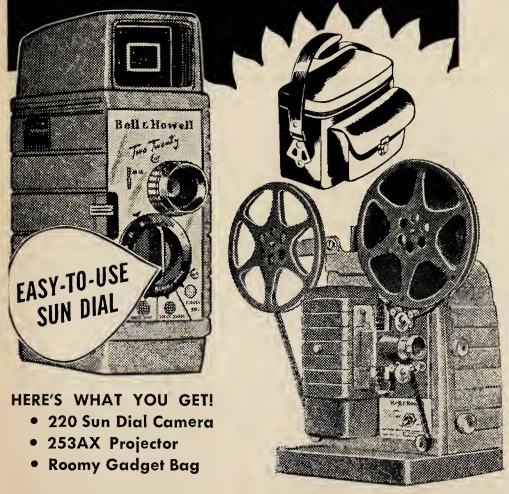
He seemed in gay spirits as we drove along. I noticed once again how very tall he was. I was considered tall for a woman, but sitting beside him on the wagon seat, I came just to his shoulder.

"I regret, Ma'am, that this isn't a fine carriage, but I have something to confess. I am not really a tanner, but a schoolmaster. I turned smuggler, you see, when we were forbidden to gather the harvest from our own fields. Under the hides my friends and I take food down to the river for our people."

I smiled, remembering the day I had loftily inquired if he could read.

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approached the Mansion House.

"Nauvoo began as a swamp, just about here, when our people were driven from Missouri. Joseph Smith built the Mansion House as a home for his family and a place of hospitality for travelers."

It was odd that I had not, until then, connected the name of "Smith" with the place. At last I understood the attitude of grief in that house.

We drove toward the temple, but before we had progressed far, we were stopped by an armed guard. Governor Ford's latest body of militia had arrived and were camped upon the temple square.

"They won't let us on the grounds," Simon said, "but we can go around to the grove."

This was the place where Dolly and Jeremy and I had picnicked on the Fourth of July. "We used to meet here," Simon said, "for speeches, concerts, and all types of festive entertainment. People came from far up and down the river for these affairs. When the Nauvoo Legion turned out to march, people lined the streets to watch, and Lieutenant-General Smith reviewed the troop sitting astride a fine black horse, a plumed hat on his head, and his beautiful wife beside him."

Simon walked to the edge of the grove and looked on the town.

"This is the loveliest place on earth. I shall regret leaving it."

"Where do you live?" I asked.

"I used to have a house out along the Carthage road. It was burned down about my ears one night, and I barely escaped with my life. Now I sleep wherever I can."

The shadows were lengthening, and we turned toward home.

"I have heard," I said, "that the Mormon people do not believe in the Bible."

"Yes, indeed we do. I know the Good Book very well."

"Then," I said, with an effort at gaiety, "I shall catechize you and see if you are telling me the truth. I will give you a scripture, and you must quote it to me. Now: Proverbs, chapter fifteen, verse thirteen.

"'A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.'"

"Very good."

"I shall try to remember that advice. And now I will give you one: Matthew, chapter six, verse nineteen.

"'Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.' If that was meant as a thrust, Sir, it was unfair."

"I apologize."

We had reached home. Simon stopped the horses and let the reins drop while he turned towards me. "Rachel," he said, and took my hands. "There is one more bit of scripture I wish you would say to me, and truly mean it. It is Ruth, chapter one, verse sixteen."

My heart began to beat rapidly, and there was a pounding in my ears as I realized what he meant.

"Shall I say it for you?" He looked into my eyes. "'Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go, and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God!'"

I pulled away and fled toward the house.

"Rachel," he begged.

"Oh, please do not ask it of me, Simon. I cannot!"

He turned the horses slowly around and left.

I could not sleep that night. I lay with my thoughts in turmoil for what seemed hours, then I dressed and went for a walk down to the river. I stood and watched the dark waves lapping the shore. And then there came a sound from across the water, of singing. The Mormon people in their miserable camp were raising their voices in a hymn. It brought a strange calm to my soul. "Surely," I thought, "if they can sing while beset with such troubles, I can be of good cheer in the midst of mine."

The next evening, as I prepared for bed, Dolly came into my room. There was a smile on her lips as she sat down beside me. "Oh, Rachel," she said, and threw her arms around me, "I have the most wonderful surprise for you. You have always wanted a baby to hold, and now you shall have your chance. I am expecting a child."

She was happy. She thought she was offering me all I could desire. And until the day before, I would have said that it was so. But now I knew I would give very nearly all I had to be able to hold a child of my own.

A few evenings later, a man knocked at our door saying he represented the Citizens' Committee.

"I don't believe I have heard of that, Sir," said Jeremy as he invited him in.

The man sat down and pompously tapped his fingers together as he talked. "We are a group of citizens of Nauvoo who have formed a petition to ask the Mormons to hurry up their affairs so as to leave the city immediately, and thereby end the danger to themselves and—ahem—the rest of us. We are asking all our neighbors to sign the petition."

Jeremy read the paper through silently, then handed it back.

"Why don't you take this proposal to the Mormons?" he asked. "They might like a say-so in it."

"But—," sputtered the man, "we intend to show it to them when all the citizens of Nauvoo have signed it. When they know that the whole city is behind it, they will have no choice but to comply."

"I will not sign it," said Jeremy.

The man looked at him in great surprise and opened his mouth to protest.

"I will not sign anything," Jeremy continued, "to cause the Mormon people greater hardship than they are now suffering. They are leaving Nauvoo as rapidly as they can. To push them any faster would be intolerably cruel."

The man turned in outrage. "I shall report this, Sir, to the Citizens' Committee."

"You can tell the Citizens' Committee," Jeremy shouted at his retreating back, "that if we had a shred of humanity, we would give the city back to its real citizens, the Mormon people!"

When he shut the door, Dolly flew to him with a white face and trembling lips. "Jeremy, you should not have done that. He will be angry."

"Let him be. I should have hit him in the nose!"

"He will report that you are on the Mormons' side. The mob will be after you again."

"I am not afraid of that."

"If you are not afraid for yourself, then think of me and—and our child. I beg of you, Jeremy, go after the man and tell him you have changed your mind."

"I can't do that, Dolly. I've made my stand."

He turned on his heel and walked up the stairs.

(To be continued)



Standing before the lacey pattern of light-filtered leaves, fourteen-year-old Steve Roberts of Short Hills, New Jersey, thrills at being in the Sacred Grove. This spot near Palmyra, New York, is the place where the Prophet Joseph, at Steve's age, sought the Lord in prayer and was visited by God and his Son Jesus Christ.

The Era of Youth: THE CHURCH IN THE EYES OF YOUTH



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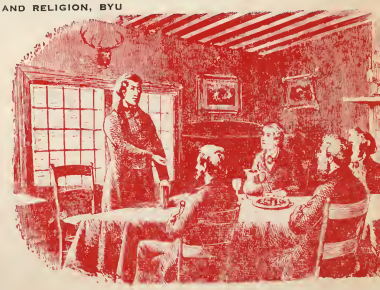
Its history...

June Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York, outside the Joseph Smith home near Palmyra. This home was completed and moved into after the three visits of the Angel Moroni to the Prophet Joseph, *September 21-22, 1823, in the original five-room log home.*



Picking string beans outside a home on the Peter Whitmer farm in Fayette, New York, are three young Latter-day Saints from Delaware Township, New Jersey. They are (left to right) Keith Alan, Eric, and Walter Irving Johnson, Jr.

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Generations yet unborn will dwell with peculiar delight on the scenes we have passed through."—Joseph Smith

The story of Mormonism centers in the story of youth. Among its great exemplars, missionaries, leaders, are men and women who yet in their green years flourished under divine nurture; youth who caught the vision of Christ and his kingdom until it became fire in their bones; youth who bore the weight of this dawning dispensation.

The torch has been passed on. Let us look backward in order to look inward, and upward, and onward.

Let us recapture these scenes—through the eyes of youth.

The Birthplace Here where winter snows are sometimes four feet deep, a Prophet was born, two days before Christmas, 1805.

Joseph Smith received the most ordinary of names and labored in the most ordinary kind of farming. Yet the divine mortar and pestle were early at work preparing him for a most extraordinary mission.

Here at the place of his birth, in the days of his youth, was begun the development of the courage, "native cheery temperament," powerful physique, keen intellect, tremendous energy, and deep sensitivity that marked his character as a man.

Sacred Grove Into this grove went a boy with an earnest and all-important question. Out of it came a fourteen-year-old man with divine knowledge and a divine promise.

He had encountered, not in imagination but in fact, the destructive powers of the adversary. In contrast he had seen a pillar of light and the brightness and glory of the Father and the Son.

He had asked not *whether* the true Church existed but *where*. The Lord told him that the churches were teaching incorrect doctrines, bereft of authority, having a form but not the power of godliness.

". . . and I was expressly commanded to 'go not after them, at the same time receiving a

promise that the fulness of the Gospel should at some future time be made known unto me."

He was left to ponder and pray—and prove himself.

Joseph Smith Farm First in an old log house, and later in this home, the Prophet spent his later teens.

In September 1823, when he was seventeen, Joseph prayed earnestly for "forgiveness of all my sins and follies, and also for a manifestation to me, that I might know of my state and standing before him."

In answer to this prayer he received from Moroni instructions regarding the coming forth of the Book of Mormon and was directed by Moroni to the Hill Cumorah, where he was permitted to see the ancient records.

From the angelic ministrant he learned his own role in the "preparatory work for the second coming of the Messiah."

Kirtland Temple This building was erected by the Saints under conditions of extreme pressure and poverty, the first temple of the new dispensation.

The dedicatory prayer was given by revelation, and great spiritual manifestations occurred. The Lord himself appeared in a sheen of light, accepting the house. Moses, Elias, and Elijah came and conferred keys and authorities upon Joseph and Oliver. Others had glorious visions in a great spiritual experience. Armed with "power from on high" missionaries were sent abroad to testify and to gather.

Cumorah Directed by the angel Moroni, Joseph returned for four successive years to the Hill Cumorah for further preparation in mind and heart and spirit for the tremendous task that lay ahead.

Sisters Joanne and Janeen Hill of North Jersey, New Jersey, pose before the window of a bedroom in the Joseph Smith home near Palmyra, New York. It was under a hearthstone in this house that the Prophet Joseph hid the sacred plates to protect them from an approaching mob in 1827.





Taking a drink from an old water pump at the Hill Cumorah are Jerry Claridge of Niagara Falls, New York, and Pat Bullock of Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

To obtain, protect, translate, and return the metallic records, upon which were inscribed the Book of Mormon, brought upon the Prophet and his associates severe difficulties and taught them vital lessons. Joseph had been tested and prepared for his sacred calling in the sight of God. His family stood by him, but neighbors created a smokescreen of rumors and charges, treating his witness and testimony with contempt. "If I had not gotten into this work," he later wrote, "I would back out, but I cannot back out. I have no doubt of the truth."

Before Joseph saw the plates, Moroni had cautioned, in Joseph's words ". . . telling me that Satan would try to tempt me (in consequence of the indigent circumstances of my father's family), to get the plates for the purpose of getting rich." He kept this trust, but later yielded and surrendered part of the manuscript translation, and it was lost. But with the forgiveness of God he grew in power and inspiration and devotion. Finding the higher way he wrote, "I made this my rule. When God commands, do it!"

Liberty Jail For four and a half tortuous months the Prophet, Hyrum, and others were confined in this rock dungeon with a stone floor. The food was like garbage. There was a heavy door entrance, two small windows in each room, no sanitary facilities. Visitors brought them tidings of murder and plunder of their people.

Unjustly held, they attempted to escape, and failed.

In anguish the Prophet cried out "How long, O Lord!" There came an answer of peace and patience. "Vengeance is mine," said the Lord. Joseph must endure what he could not overcome. He was not yet as Job: his friends were loyal, and he would see them again. He must look to Christ who had "descended below all things."

Out of this prison came some of the most sublime of Mormon literature: letters of love to his wife and family, of solace and strength to the Saints, of doctrinal power to the brethren, of divine promise to the Church abroad. He wrote of the spirit of the priesthood, of persuasion and gentleness and love unfeigned, and of God's blessings to the righteous who suffer and endure it well for him.

Carthage Jail The Prophet knew that he was soon to suffer death:

"I shall die innocent."

As the circumstances unfolded, he had ample opportunity to save his life. One by one he voluntarily closed the doors.

The twelve had wanted to stay; he sent ten of them away. "If you do not go, you will die."

Having begun his journey west, he was accused of cowardice, and returned with heavy heart. "If my life is of no value to my friends it is of none to myself."

The Nauvoo Legion, a military unit of 5,000 troops, was ready. He asked them to surrender their arms to Governor Ford.

John Taylor offered to "tear down the jail," Cyrus Wheelock to dress in the Prophet's clothes, Willard Richards to be hanged in his stead.

Each he quietly refused.



The Kirtland Temple



Stooping to pull a toadstool from the lawn outside the Kirtland Temple are Steve Inouye and Gwendolyn McNiel of Cleveland, Ohio. This is the temple where the Savior, Moses, Elias, and Elijah appeared, April 3, 1836, to the Prophet Joseph and Oliver Cowdery. From these personages they received various keys of authority to administer in the Church.

The Jail Interior The martyrdom was sudden. Bullets showered through the door as Willard Richards tried to close it, and Joseph and John Taylor sparred the guns with canes. Hyrum fell; then Joseph was shot twice through the back and fell through the open window into the fire of the waiting mob. Willard Richards was unscathed; John Taylor was wounded four times, but he survived to become the third President of the Church.

Though the news had not yet reached there, a pall fell over Nauvoo. Dogs howled, and cattle lowed. Upon receiving the awful death-communication from Elders John Taylor and Willard Richards at Carthage, a terrible heart-break fell on the community; strong men and women wept like children.

A Prophet of God and his noble brother were dead.

Nauvoo Grove Near here, after the Prophet's death, Sidney Rigdon claimed rights of leadership. Brigham Young arose and testified of the authority of the twelve. Those present testified that they seemed to hear and see the voice and face of their martyred Joseph, and the Prophet's "mantle" on Brigham. The sheep recognized their true shepherds.

The Twelve prayed that the worthy might receive temple blessings before they were driven from Nauvoo. Their prayers and labors were honored; day and night sacred ordinances were performed; there were many sealings, and the spiritual oneness of the Church was strengthened for the crises that lay before them.

Nauvoo Temple A million dollar sacrifice. Built under extreme hardship, used only for a few weeks, then abandoned with Latter-day Saint homes and farms and businesses and city. Twice



Missionary Richard Kay of Salt Lake City sits at the window from which the Prophet Joseph fell at the time of his martyrdom at Carthage Jail, Illinois. After having been shot twice in the back and once in the chest, the Prophet fell through the open window crying, "Oh Lord, my God!"



The Martyrdom of Joseph Smith at Carthage Jail



These teens are enjoying a friendly get-together on the steps of the "Times and Seasons" building in (Commerce) Nauvoo. They are (left to right) Florence and Phil Burrell of Arizona and Bryan and Sandra Ellsworth of California.



set afire, it was later leveled by a tornado, whipped into broken blocks.

As the Saints looked back, they thanked the Lord that it was not to be desecrated by others.

Winter Quarters Six hundred of the faithful ones who began but did not finish the great trek rest here. The old and the very young were first to die, their bodies more fragile than their faith and courage. They were buried during the exposure and starvation, the cholera and the scurvy, of that first winter in the wilds. Of those who survived or started later, ten times that number were to lie in crude graves along the trail before the wagon and handcart migration was over.

On the Plains President Brigham Young asked all of the travelers to kneel in the sagebrush, dedicated them as the "Camp of Israel," and began with his company the long journey from Winter Quarters across the thousand miles of desert. One hundred and forty three men, three women, and two children were in this advance company, the first to start and complete the long journey.

There were dust and darkness, snakes, spiders, and the stench of animals that died in their tracks, rocks and rivers and ever-scanter provisions, hostile Indians and broken wagons. But the Saints pressed on and found around their campfires the joy of faith. After,



Left, outside the John Taylor home in Nauvoo, Illinois, these five young Latter-day Saint visitors are (left to right) Linda, Ellen, Scott, and Deborah Ellsworth of California, and Elizabeth Burrell of Arizona. John Taylor was with the Prophet Joseph at his martyrdom and followed Brigham Young as President of the Church.





they sang and danced and prayed and wept together.

The Valley The editor Horace Greeley said of the valley of the Great Salt Lake as the pioneers found it that it was "parched, glistening, blistering, blinding sterility," and that if the Mormons paid a cent an acre for it they were grossly defrauded. But they accepted it, conquered and civilized it, filled it with houses and chapels and schools and civic buildings, made its barren ground yield food, and added the culture and refinement that made it livable. Then many of them, called by their leaders, left it all and went to colonize in other places throughout the West.

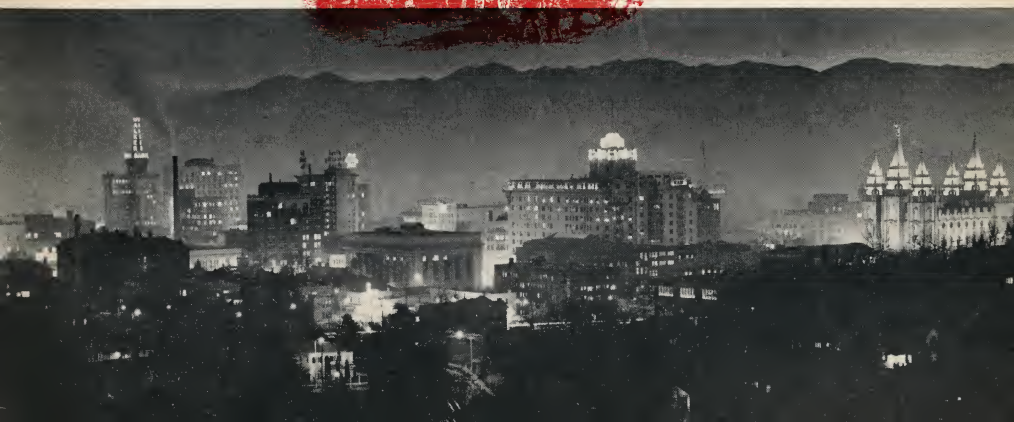
"Brother," Brigham said to a typical pioneer, "we are calling you to go to Arizona and establish a settlement. You will be released when you die. God bless you."

Looking up at the magnificent Avard Fairbanks monument to the six hundred Saints who lost their lives at Winter Quarters are (left to right) Jean and Gail Borneman and Kathy Sharp, all of Omaha, Nebraska. The monument represents a pioneer mother and father standing over the open grave of their child, and is dedicated to those who perished here during the severe winters of 1846-47 and 1847-48.

Lynn Sedgwick, Carolyn Wilson, and Janeth Cooper of Omaha, Nebraska, look over three little rough stone markers of graves in the Winter Quarters Cemetery. In 1846, Winter Quarters was inhabited by over three thousand people.







Its principles

The Church is built on eternal principles of truth, truth about God, Christ, life, and man.

God is the Father of the spirits of all men. He is the living, revealing, personal Father of whom the prophets spoke and whom they represented. He is the Loving God to whom Jesus taught us to pray after this manner, "Our Father who art in heaven." He is our Heavenly Father in whose image and likeness we are created, who loves us and reveals his will for us through his prophets.

Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God, the Savior of the world, our personal Savior. He is what he said he is, "The way, the truth, and the life." He is more than a master teacher or ethical philosopher, he is the Redeemer, the Son of the Living God.

Life is purposeful and meaningful. It is not a "veil of tears" which we endure bravely. It is not a playground where we fritter away our time, indulging appetite and following after carnal or material desires. It is a schoolground, a testing place, a preparation experience, a "mortal probation" in which we are supposed to be learning the lessons which will equip us for eternal creative service with God. Virtue is priceless. Marriage is a sacred eternal covenant between man, woman, and God. When made under the law and authority of God and preserved in righteousness, marriage endures beyond the grave. Families are eternal units. We take with us through the door called death not the things we can count, but the things that count, the gains we have made in mind and heart and spirit. Life is good and purposeful, and goes on forever.

Man also is good. Because he is mortal and physical, he is subject to the temptations of the flesh. He is a free agent, and he lives in a world where the forces of evil tempt and mislead. But man is more than flesh, he is spirit, and his spirit is the offspring of Almighty God. He is therefore susceptible to the enticings of the Holy Spirit. He has within him the "upward reach." He is free, eternal, creative, brother to all men. He has the capacity to choose, and the responsibility to answer one day for the choices he has made. Man is meant to grow, and he grows as he learns to conquer that which is earthy in him by listening to the whisperings of the Spirit. Man is a child of God; he is meant to learn to be like his Father.

Its organization

The Bible teaches that Christ grew "in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." Each of us should also be constantly seeking to strengthen our relationship with our Heavenly Father and with our fellow men, and to increase in intelligence and maturity and physical well-being. Willing individuals can most effectively grow and serve and contribute when their efforts are organized, and *in the Church are found the programs through which all of this may be accomplished.*

Knowing that "The glory of God is intelligence," the Church encourages learning in every wholesome field, sponsors universities, and provides seminaries and institutes of religion near high schools and non-Church universities to insure opportunities for religious education and spiritual growth. Primary and MIA and Sunday School have full programs of activity for children and youth. The women's Relief Society channels charitable services and includes programs for growth in homemaking skills and in educational and cultural as well as spiritual fields; the welfare program meets the needs of every participating member in a time of difficulty.

In dancing and drama, in athletics and music and public speaking, in youth leadership and health education and the development of social graces, in missionary work and temple service, the Church provides organized and well-led programs designed to bless individuals with opportunities for maximum effectiveness in participation and leadership.

Its authority

The ultimate source of the laws and standards by which man is governed and by which he ultimately will be judged is God. Man is free to choose; he may obey or disobey eternal law, but he cannot himself change or "break" God's laws; he can only "break himself on them," if he insists. Not societies nor nature nor humanity can be set up as the origin or arbiter of eternal truth; God alone serves that function. The task for men is to work out a suitable balance between initiative and integrity and individuality, and the humility to accept the will of God.

The Church has received the divine commission of God to serve his holy purposes. It is led by men who have been commissioned of God to represent him. In it every worthy boy and man can be given the authority to speak and act and work in the name of Almighty God. This is an awesome commission and the most sacred of trusts. It is to be experienced by those who prepare themselves to have it and who will honor it. It is to be exercised by those with "clean hands and a pure heart," who will be worthy to be the Lord's agents and to perform his errands.

Its growth through participation

The organization of the Church not alone permits but demands participation of its members. There is no professional ministry, no compensated clergy to carry the load of service and leadership. As in the days of the Savior, ordinary men who work at ordinary human pursuits are called to positions of extraordinary importance; they become missionaries, teachers, bishops, stake and mission presidents, and apostles. Men grow through responsibility and participation and creative expression—and men came to this earth to grow. So farmers and doctors and salesmen and craftsmen earn their bread for self and family, and serve the Lord for the love of the labor. In the Church everyone who will participate is given opportunity, and everyone is encouraged to participate. Young and old take part and learn to follow and to lead. All of the priesthood quorums and auxiliary organizations are officered and taught by members, and the great recreational, cultural, welfare, and spiritual programs are so conducted.

So the Church means *unselfish service. It imposes an obligation* and *provides an opportunity. It demands something and offers creative activity and achievement. It requires sacrifice and brings development and growth toward godliness.*

The church in the eyes of youth

BY MARION D. HANKS

The trip from Palmyra to Payson or Pasadena or Portsmouth or Perth—or wherever you are—is a long journey historically. What was behind it all? What is there in the Church for your generation?



Its theology

The Church is many important things. It is the kingdom of God on earth. It is the organization originally established by the Savior when he was here but lost from among men by apostasy. Doctrines and ordinances were changed, officers and offices abandoned and new ones initiated, spiritual gifts and authority lost, methods of worship totally altered. In our dispensation it has been restored by revelation from God through prophets, with the same organization, doctrines, ordinances, gifts of the Spirit, and authority it had in the days of Christ.

The Church is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, restored to the earth with his divine gospel, for the blessings of all the children of God.

Drawing of a chair used by the Prophet Joseph Smith in the Kirtland Temple.

Its effect on youth



Candy Adamson



Harvey Dee Leahman, Jr.



Nadine Smith



Jane Karen Thomas

BY ELAINE CANNON

"Some of the brightest spirits who dwell in the bosom of the Father are making their appearance among this people of whom the Lord will make a Royal Priesthood, a peculiar nation, that he can own and bless, talk with and associate with."—Brigham Young

The programs and precepts of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the choice heritage, the noble example, the opportunities and associations work upon the bright spirits of whom Brigham Young spoke. And the effect is good. The youth of today are making a mark in the world by their behavior, the way they serve, by their appearance, their lofty aims, by their talents, their achievements, their leadership. Among the many are these scattered few. . . .

HARVEY DEE LEAHMAN, JR., is seventeen and the only LDS boy in his high school near Ft. Sherman, Canal Zone. Living the gospel, maintaining high personal standards so different from the world at large, has put Dec "on top" in the eyes of classmates. He was elected governor of Boys' State and represented the Canal Zone at Boys' Nation in Washington, D. C., this year. Besides activities at school, in the community, and in Church (he's financial clerk of the Atlantic Branch), he maintains a straight A average.

When JANE KAREN THOMAS plays the organ for Sunday School, she's simply taking up where her ancestors left off. She's the great-granddaughter of Richard Ballantyne who organized the first LDS Sunday School. Since Jane's father, Col. J. Paul Thomas, is on the Inter-American Defense Board, the family is now living in Washington, D. C. But fourteen-year-old Jane has lived on four continents and had ample opportunity to serve in branch activities and even be accompanist for Post Protestant Sunday School Services in addition to playing for her own.

Youth of the Church who live in Western Canada are few in number but their influence is strongly felt in the community. Their participation in civic and school affairs, and the sharing of their talents open the door to many converts to the Church. NADINE SMITH is typical of these teens. She has helped interest numerous young people in the gospel, and many have been baptized. Her strong testimony and loving spirit impress others in her dramatic groups, school officers' meetings, music clubs, and social affairs. She's won several awards for public speaking, and each time has worked gospel themes into the subject. She will be a senior in high school next year.

Select members of Virginia Tanner's famed Children's Theater in Salt Lake City won exciting reviews, acclaim, and friends for themselves and the Church when they spent two months this summer presenting dance programs and training sessions at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival in Massachusetts, at the Connecticut College School of Dance, and in numerous concert halls in New York. RUTH BURKE, who used to dance with the young children's group has grown up to become an assistant to the famed Miss Tanner.

saint

"The Apostle Paul wrote to members of the Church addressing them as 'Saints.'" We use the word with the same meaning today.

mutual

When one "goes to Mutual" he is attending an official LDS organization for youth over twelve, meeting weekly and encouraging mutual improvement spiritually, physically, culturally, and socially through classwork and activities.

conference

A gathering of LDS church members. General conference convenes three days in the spring and fall in the Salt Lake Tabernacle under direction of the Presidency of the Church. General Authorities of the Church speak. Relief Society, Sunday School, and Primary auxiliary organizations of the Church hold their conferences once a year. At June conference, ward, stake, and some mission Mutual Improvement Association leaders gather on Temple Square for inspiration and instruction on the coming year's program. It is the time of elaborate music, drama, and dance festivals. Stake conference is for ward members within stake boundaries and is held quarterly.

general authority

A man called under divine inspiration to serve in top leadership positions of the Church. The members of the First Presidency, Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Patriarch to the Church and Assistants to the Twelve, the First Council of the Seventy, and Presiding Bishopric are referred to as "General Authorities."

fast meeting

Not necessarily the opposite of a long meeting! Rather it is held once a month on the day ward or branch members fast, or go without eating two consecutive meals, and give a contribution or "fast offering" to the needy instead. Sacrament (bread and water) is passed, babies blessed, new memberships voted upon, confirmations made, and testimonies borne during this meeting.



Its familiar



phrases

BY ELAINE CANNON

to a nonmember . . .
to a new convert . . .
to a Saint far from the center
of things . . .
to a youth now awakened to
terminology long familiar to others
in the Church . . .
herewith a glossary of terms,
an explanation of expressions,
some definitions of words
and phrases and traditions
peculiar to the Mormon
people.



KATHY EGAN, Arimo, Idaho . . . we've never had the priesthood in our home. But by watching the priesthood in action in other families, seeing the example set by our bishop and boys I know who do hold the priesthood, and watching the elders at work while I was back at the Hill Cumorah Pageant, I know that the power of the priesthood is of God. I have made up my mind never to marry unless I can have the priesthood in my home. As young people who may have parents who aren't active or not members, who haven't had the privilege of gospel training, we should do all we can to teach them and help them.



What it means to me...

JANET KIRKHAM, Provo, Utah . . . I am a very new member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Being a member of this Church has taught me the true and proper relationship between man and God. The teachings of the Church on this subject are so beautiful and clear that my whole outlook on life has changed. I can really talk with the Lord. I have a better understanding of how I must purify my thoughts and actions so that I can really be in tune and thus be more deserving of his guidance and receptive to his will. I studied and prayed sincerely before I went against my parent's wishes and joined this Church.

BILL BLACK, Omaha, Nebraska . . . I'm fourteen years old, and the day I received the priesthood was a wonderful one for me. The Church means more to me every day of my life, especially when I see how other people live who aren't members. Most of my friends at school aren't members, and there are many good boys and girls, but they don't know anything about clean living or rules of spiritual and physical health such as our Church teaches. I know that I am a much better person this way than if I weren't a member. We understand better why we are on this earth, and we are taught what will happen to us after this life. I think teachings like this make us try harder to live better and learn more about everything and raise our standards and goals.



BOB SIMON, Coffeyville, Kansas . . . I've been a convert to the Church for thirteen years. To me the Church is *the* perfect organization. I'm impressed with its teachings on personal standards and the meaning of life, and I have a testimony of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon which I prayed for diligently. But the more I study the organization of the Church, its lay leadership system, and its authority, I know that this Church is under the Lord's direction. To me, this is the way it should be. People in his Church may make little mistakes, but the over-all plan is correct and as perfect as anything ever could be on this earth where there are humans doing the actual running of it. I'm grateful to be able to share the gospel with all who don't know of it.



This is the Church

BY DAVID W. EVANS

A quest for truth in a youthful heart, and an answer in a wooded grove; a light, a vision, a voice—this is its beginning!

It is also that boy grown older and what happened on a certain September night in a bedroom miraculously made lighter than noonday by the presence of a heavenly messenger . . . and his message:

"Your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions . . . and I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth. . . ."

It is, as promised, prophets and priesthood; a record which rested in a nearby hill with its story of "other sheep" and lost civilizations.

It is a restoration of things lost and a prediction of things to come. It is promises and fulfillment.

It is order and organization: nearly two million members in 2,500 wards and 1,750 missions and branches, working together and worshipping in unity in every American state and in many foreign lands.

It is the plan and the people, faith and good works, rewards and punishments. It is respect for earthly law and reverence for the divine.

It is earning and it is learning—for man was made to work, and he cannot be saved in ignorance.

It is young men and young women at worship and at play . . . a generation involved in the world's largest basketball and softball leagues and in other supervised sports, and it is a striving for culture of the other kind through the singing, acting, playing, and dancing together of hundreds of thousands of young men and young women under a Church-sponsored improvement program which is both inspired and unique.

It is fidelity to virtue, and it is marriage in sacred temples for time and eternity.

It is an accepted code of "do's and don'ts" for good health and long life which was revealed more than a century ago to a people once considered "peculiar" but now more respected and admired.

It is compassion for the sick, help for the handicapped, care for the indigent—and it is generous, willing, purposeful giving.

It is living abundantly, serving unselfishly, and associating happily with family and friends in a common cause for the common good.

It is tolerance for those with whom we do not agree, but it is a persistent hope that all peoples will some day, with our help, come to a unity of faith and a singleness of purpose with those who know and teach the truth. And it is a personal testimony in the heart of each of us that we have the truth and must share it with others.

This, and much more, is the message and meaning and mission of Mormonism.



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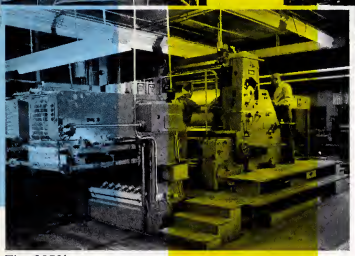
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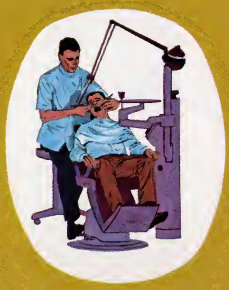
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